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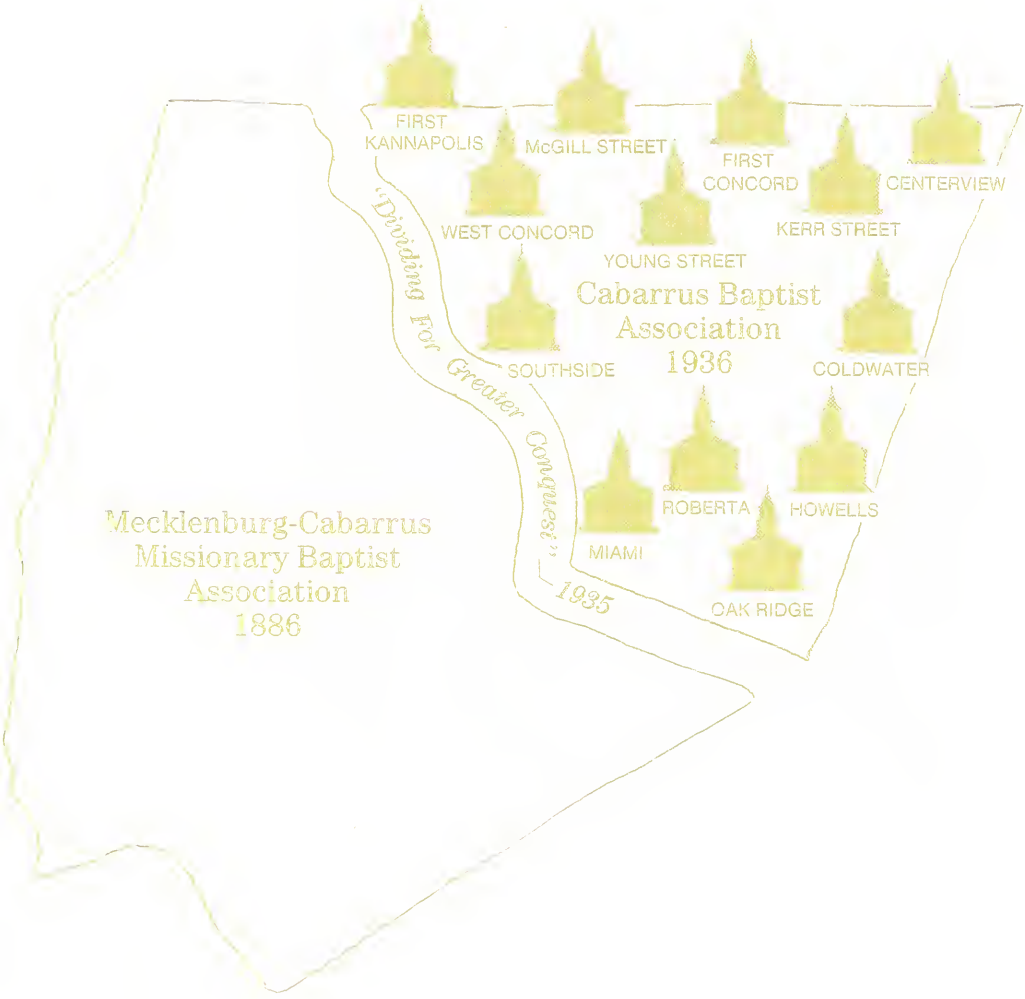

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We have tried to be fair in selecting items for recording, but in all fairness to a true record of our history, we felt it was necessary to include some unpleasant events as well as the pleasant ones.

According to Shubal Stearns who organized the first Baptist Association in North Carolina, "An association is an organization composed of delegates (or messengers) from the church to impart stability, regularity, and uniformity to the worth of the churches."-1

A more modern definition "An association is a self-determining Baptist inter-church community created and sustained by the churches affiliated with it and responsible to them through their messengers, in which the churches foster their fellowship, their unity in faith and practice, and give and receive assistance in achieving their purpose."-2

THE ORIGIN OF THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN THE SOUTH

The earliest Baptist Association in the South was founded at Charleston, South Carolina, in 1751, and was known as Charleston Baptist Association.

By the time the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in Augusta, Georgia, May 8, 1845, there were forty-five Baptist Associations. A century later there were 923. Today there are over 1200 associations in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The first Baptist Association in North Carolina, and the third in America, was Sandy Creek Baptist Association organized in 1758. Shubal Stearns, along with his brother-in-law, Daniel Marshall, organized it.

All "Separatists" Baptist Churches in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina prior to 1770 belonged to the one and only Sandy Creek Baptist Association. In 1770 there was a division and the one Association became three: "The Sandy Creek" in North Carolina, "Congaree" in South Carolina, and "Rapidann" in Virginia."-3

ORGANIZATION OF THE CABARRUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Baptist Churches in Cabarrus County had for

years belonged to the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Missionary Baptist Association, which was organized in 1886.

September 11-12, 1935. The Fiftieth Anniversary for the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Missionary Baptist Association was held with the Durham Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

In the Wednesday afternoon session, September 11, Dr. E. S. Summers, First Baptist Church Concord, spoke on "Dividing for Greater Conquest."

A petition on behalf of thirteen churches in Cabarrus County for letters of dismissal for the purpose of forming another association were presented. The thirteen churches were: Concord First, Kerr Street, McGill Street, Southside, West Concord, Young Street, Coldwater, Howell's, Centerview, Kannapolis First, Miami, Oak Ridge, and Roberta.

C. W. Durden moved that the letters requested in the petition presented by the churches, said churches being as set forth in the resolution which follows, be granted. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

The Resolution: "Whereas the First, Kerr Street, McGill Street, Southside, West and Young Street Baptist Churches of Concord, Coldwater, Howell's, and Centerview and First Churches of Kannapolis, Miami, Oak Ridge, and Roberta, having petitioned for letters of dismissal from the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Baptist Association, do grant the requests of the respective churches. Our Christian fellowship in the past fifty years, together now with the assurance of our prayers and good will confirms our Holy purpose to continue laboring together for the coming of the Kingdom of our Lord."

The association then changed their name to: The Mecklenburg Missionary Baptist Association.

First Meeting of the Cabarrus Baptist Association.

October 8, 1935. The Cabarrus churches came together to organize. They met at Concord, First Baptist, and elected Reverend E. S. Summers as Moderator and Reverend L. E. Barnhardt as Clerk. (No other record of this meeting could be located.)

December 17, 1935. The Mecklenburg pastors met with the Cabarrus pastors in a joint session at Concord, First Baptist. The Mecklenburg pastors were recognized by the President and given the privilege of the floor. Brother Griggs expressed their grateful appreciation for the invitation extended them by the Cabarrus pastors.

1. Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists (Broadway),p.1007
2. Watson, E.C. The Baptist Association
3. Huggins, M.A. A History of North Carolina Baptists 1727-1932. p.65-76.

THE ORIGINAL CONSTITUTION OF THE CABARRUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1 - Name and Constitution

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Cabarrus Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 2. It shall be composed of the duly elected Messengers of Missionary Baptist Churches in Cabarrus County, and of the duly elected messengers of other Missionary Baptist Churches who may hereafter, upon petition, be received.

Section 3. Each church having fifty members, or less, shall be entitled to five messengers, and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof; Provided, that no church has more than ten messengers in addition to the pastor. In all cases the pastor shall be ex-officio messenger.

Article 2 - Objects

Section 1. The object of this Association shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing the intelligence and spiritual power of the churches, and for developing and directing their energies, their resources and gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom through the whole world.

Article 3 - Annual Church Reports

Section 1. The churches connected with this body shall annually, furnish, by letter, a statement of their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded and died since last Association; of the number in Sunday School, and of the amounts contributed to church expenses, pastor's salary, building and repairs, Missionary, Educational and Benevolent, miscellaneous purposes and printing fund. Any church failing to report for two consecutive years, the officers of the Association shall investigate and endeavor to reclaim it.

Article 4 - Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. The officers of this body shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational Baptist Training Union President, Associational Woman's Missionary Superintendent, and Statistician, all of whom shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot, at each annual meeting. These officers shall assume their duties at the close of the Associational meeting at which elected and serve until the close of the next annual meeting.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over all meetings of the body and see that order and decorum are observed by every member. He shall be ex-officio chairman of the Promotion-Exceutive Committee, and

shall be fraternal visitation counsel and adviser with the churches regarding their work through the year. He shall be elected for one term and cannot succeed himself after the third successive term.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall preside at the pleasure of the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the body, mail blank letter forms to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the Association, prepare and publish the minutes of the Association as soon as practicable after adjournment, and have charge of any funds which may be raised by the Association.

Section 5. The Statistician shall fill in from the church letters the records of the churches on the chart provided for that purpose, and shall report to the Association other such statistical data as he deems profitable.

Article 5 - Committees and Their Duties

Section 1. At each annual meeting of the Association a Promotion-Executive Committee shall be elected to foster the work of the Association between the annual meetings. This Promotion-Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, and the Pastor and one member of each of the affiliated churches. The Moderator of the Association shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Association.

Section 2. At the meeting of the Association the Moderator shall appoint the following Committees to report to the session at its convenience: 1.State Missions, 2.Home Missions, 3.Foreign Missions, 4. Christian Education, 5. Mills Home, 6. Sunday Schools, 7. Woman's Work, 8. Baptist Training Union, 9. Ministerial Relief, 10. Hospital, 11. Religious Literature, 12. Public Morals, 13. Stewardship.

Section 3. Other committees which shall be appointed by the Moderator at the meeting of the Association to report to the session at its convenience are: 1. Nominations, 2. Programs, 3. Time, Place, and Preacher.

Other committees will be raised as will be deemed advisable for the work of the Association.

Article 6

This Constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice of the change be read to the Association during the morning session of the first day fo the annual meeting.

By-Laws

1. The Association shall convene at 10:00 A.M., on Thursday following the fourth Sunday in September.

2. All questions of order shall be decided by "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law."

3. The By-Laws may be changed at any session by a vote of a majority of the members present.

Amended September 1936

1. The Association shall convene at 10:00 A.M., on Tuesday, following the third Sunday in September.

Statement

For the convenience of the reader we have divided this book into chapter headings along the line of ten year intervals.

SECTION TWO
CHAPTER ONE
1936-1945

October 1-2, 1936 -The First Annual Meeting was held at McGill Street Baptist Church, Concord. The North Kannapolis Baptist Church petitioned for membership in the Association. It was received under watchcare until their letter could be received from the Rowan Association.

November 5, 1936 -The Pastor's Conference met with Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. The church extended an invitation to the members of this group to sit in conference with them on the fifth Sunday of November for the purpose of ordaining their pastor, Lee Johnson.

A question was raised concerning his previous ordination. After some discussion it was deemed wise to appoint a committee to investigate. A motion was made and carried that, Brothers James, Baucom, Stallings, and Haynes serve on this committee.

February 8, 1937- The Pastor's Conference voted the following letter be written to W.L. Poteat, Wake Forest, North Carolina: "Dear Brother Poteat: The following Cabarrus County Baptist pastors urgently request that you memorialize the legislature of North Carolina in our behalf and in behalf of the churches we represent, that they vote to call for a statewide referendum on the liquor question.

Please be assure of our deep appreciation of your labors in behalf of sobriety, and of our continued prayers. (There was no record where anyone signed this letter).

September 21-11, 1937- The second Annual Meeting was held with Centerview Baptist Church, Kannapolis. Franklin Heights Baptist Church requested to be received into the fellowship of the Association. The Petitionary Letters Committee recommended it be accepted. It was received. The letter for North

Kannapolis Baptist Church was received from the Rowan Association and a motion was made to receive the church into the Association. It carried.

Woman's Missionary Society Report: There is now a Woman's Missionary Society in our churches consisting of six Sunbeam bands, three Junior R.A.'s, one Intermediate R.A., six Junior G.A.'s, three Intermediate G.A.'s and six YWA organizations, making a total of thirty-five organizations.

September 14-15,1938-Annual Meeting held at Coldwater Baptist Church. The Baptist Training Union had enrolled 12 Unions and 3 Story Hours with a total enrollment of 425.

Temperance and Public Morals. A report was given and an offering of $11.00 was received for the furtherance of the temperance cause.

Library Committee recommends: (1) That the Association adopt a program looking toward the purchase of a full line of study course books for the Sunday School, the Baptist Training Union and Woman's Missionary Society. (2) That we purchase the books with the paper binding, which are 40¢ per copy; that twenty-five copies be the minimum per set. (3) That the library be kept in the most central and convenient place in the association. We suggest the First Baptist Church of Concord as that place. That it be kept under lock and key at all times.

Digest of letters for 1938:

Net gain in membership	605
Net gain in baptisms	228
Net gain in letters,etc.	276
Net gain in Baptist Training Un.	316
Net gain in S.S. Enrollment	978
Net gain in Local Expenses	$11,886.70
Net gain in Missions	2,061.38
Net gain in Orphanage	373.39

September 13-14, 1939 -Annual Meeting with North Kannapolis Baptist Church.

Petitionary Letters Committee recommended that Bethlehem, Shadybrook, and White's Memorial Churches be accepted to become members of the association. The recommendation was accepted, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the pastors and delegates (messengers) of said churches by the Moderator.

Reverend E.S. Summers presented the Association with a gavel made from wood of an oak tree under which the first group of Missionary Baptists met to worship in Cabarrus County. Later this group organized Howell's Baptist Church in 1857.

A highlight of the meeting was a playlet entitled "The Sweetest Story Ever Told", presented by the Training Union of Concord First Baptist, with Mrs.

Walter F. Cunan, Director.

An interesting statement on Baptist Hospital: "The hospital treated last year about one hundred preachers, missionaries and ministerial students. Almost all of these were free service. The total amount that the 72 doctors and 4 interns rendered last year was $196,177.00 free service. We have been compelled to turn away more than 2,000 patients for lack of rooms. Plans are going forward to immediately add space for 100 more beds to the hospital, giving the hospital a bed capacity of 212".

A Resolution Adopted. First, that our Associational Committee on Evangelism be requested to plan and promote an intensive and extensive program of evangelism for the coming year, and Second, that Sunday, December 31, 1939, be recommended to the churches as a day of fervent prayer for lost souls and for a worldwide revival, uniting in prayer with Baptist throughout the South, the Nation, and all the Nations represented in the Baptist World Alliance, and Third, that it be recommended to the churches to seek to bring all the members to humility, repentance, faithfulness in preaching attendance, soul-winning, and scriptural stewardship, and fourth, that our people strive to win to Christ not less than one person for every ten church members, and Fifth, that their evangelistic programs be planned far in advance on a perennial basis, with at least one major activity each month.

Treasurer's report stated no bills were due and a balance on hand of $23.19. This amount was given to the clerk-treasurer as renumeration for his services.

September 11-12, 1940 -Annual Meeting with Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. The Petitionary Letters Committee recommended that Calvary and Brookdale Baptist Churches be received, and the Right Hand of Fellowship was extended to the pastors and delegates of said churches by the Moderator.

Stewardship report: According to our minutes, we had 501 tithers and 737 systematic givers reported last year. This year we have 773 tithers and 862 systematic givers. For this nice increase, we thank God and take courage.

December 9, 1940 - At the Pastor's Conference at North Kannapolis Baptist Church, a general discussion took place concerning the Bible taught in public schools.

April 14, 1941 - At the Pastor's Conference at Franklin Heights, a motion was made that all pastors preach a sermon on or about the fourth Sunday in May, concerning our Lord's Sabbath. A committee was appointed by the chairman, to ask the Concord pastors

to request this.

September 17-18,1941 - Annual Meeting with First Baptist Church, Kannapolis.

State Missions report -Committee chairman, Dennis Wright could not give his report due to the illness of his wife. In his absence, Reverend E. S. Summers discussed the subject, and a motion carried that Brother Wright send his report to the clerk, the report to be incorporated in the minutes. (This was done).

The Missions Advisory Committee: reported that "In May we got Secretary Huggins to come to Kannapolis and inspect several possible locations for a mission in the Jackson Park area. Later two members of our committee went to Raleigh to confer with Mr. Huggins with the result that a joint working agreement was reached between the State Board of Missions and the Cabarrus Association with the understanding that the mission was to become an arm of the North Kannapolis Baptist Church until such time as a co-operative Missionary Baptist Church should be organized.

A suitable lot 150 by 150 feet was purchased by the Association at a cost of $1600.00. The State Board paid $1,000 of the purchase price, and the Association assumed the balance of $600. We still owe $320.00 to be met by October 1, 1941.

The Association's portable Tabernacle has been placed on the lot in Jackson Park and mission work is being fostered by the North Kannapolis Baptist Church as requested by the Committee. Two reactions followed:(a) That we raise all we can through our churches, (2) That the Promotion-Executive Committee borrow the amount lacking and pay off the debt.

December 22,1941 - In the Pastor's Conference it was thought that money could be saved by the Biblical Recorder by using a cheaper grade of paper. They asked that a letter to this effect be written to The Recorder.

September 16-17,1942 -Annual Meeting with Centerview Baptist Church.

The Harrisburg Baptist Church was received into full fellowship, rights and privileges of the Cabarrus Baptist Association. The right hand of fellowship was extended to the pastor, H.E. Nash, and several members of the church.

The Temperance and Public Morals Committee recommends the following: (1) That we, the Cabarrus Missionary Baptist Association, go on record as favoring the closing and padlocking of every distillery, every brewery, every saloon, every cocktail lounge, every booze joint, and every house of prostitution and shame in North Carolina but more especially in Cabarrus County. This should be done,

not only for the duration of the war, but until Jesus comes. (2) That we preach, pray, teach, train, work and vote against this enemy, the liquor traffic, that fosters drunkness, gambling, vice, prostitution and shame. (3) That we commend the fine work of Mr. Kale K. Burgess of Raleigh and the United Dry Forces of North Carolina. An offering was taken for the United Dry Forces of North Carolina, which amounted to $16.55.

During the year North Kannapolis Baptist Church organized Blackwelder Park Mission into a Missionary Baptist Church.

Blackwelder Park Baptist Church was received into full fellowship, full rights, and privileges of the Association. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the pastor, J. C. Hill.

Pitts Baptist Mission, Harrisburg, has become an arm of First Baptist, Concord. The church helped them purchase a lot and have almost completed a house of worship. The work at Pitts is under the leadership of Brother W.R. Moorehead.

November 9, 1942 - The Pastor's Conference, meeting with McGill Street Church discussed co-ed education at Wake Forest College. The pastors seemed to all be in favor of a co-ed school.

September 15-16,1943 - Annual Meeting with Kerr Street Baptist Church.

The roll call of the churches disclosed that 24 of the 26 churches were represented. Total enrollment for opening session was 216.

Foreign Missions Report, by W. W. Jones stated that "The Commission" now has a circulation of more than 60,000. He then brought a message on world conditions and needs, which the Foreign Mission Board is trying to remedy and supply through its ministry.

An offering was taken for the hungry and dying in China called "World Relief" in the amount of $58.00.

The North Kannapolis Baptist Church asked to be released from the sponsorship of the Jackson Park Mission. The request was granted and Franklin Heights was asked to assume the over-sight of the mission.

Treasurer's report as of September 7, 1943:

Cash on hand September 1, 1942	$ 57.05
Receipts	318.96
Disbursements	210.50
Cash on hand September 1,1943	$ 171.46

R.V. Cooke, Treasurer

A happy note is a mission work in the "Royal Oakes" area being conducted by Centerview Baptist Church. They have purchased a lot and respectable building for the work.

The Petitionary Letters Committee recommended the

Pitts and Wil-Mar Park Baptist churches be admitted to the full fellowship of the Association. (Pitts was an arm of Concord, First Baptist, and Wil-Mar Park an arm of McGill Street Baptist Church.)

1943-44 Budget;

1.	Clerk's Honorarium	$ 30.00
2.	Supt. of S.S. Expense Fund	30.00
3.	Director of T.U. Expense Fund	30.00
4.	Evangelism Committee Expense ınd	10.00
5.	Minute Fund	130.00
6.	Missionary Advisory Committee Expense Fund	10.00
7.	Moderator's Expense Fund	10.00
8.	Printing Programs and Enrolment cards	10.00
9.	Miscellaneous Expenses	25.00
10.	Other Mission work	600.00
	Total Associational Budget	$885.00

In adopting the budget the churches were asked to send the Associational treasurer regularly an offering which shall at least be equal to one cent per member per month.

A Report on Wingate College - the ownership of the college was turned over to the Baptist State Convention in 1923, but was returned by request to the original owners in 1929.

The college is now owned and operated by the following Associations in North Carolina: Union, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Anson, Pee Dee, Stanley, and Chesterfield in South Carolina. The Baptist State Convention, now jointly with these Associations lend support to the college.

September 11, 1944 - Pastor's Conference Meeting with Concord, First Baptist, heard the following proposal: Reverend E.S. Summers presented the idea of buying a cottage at Ridgecrest. No interest was shown by the brethren to purchase.

September 13-14,1944 -Annual Meeting with the North Kannapolis and White's Memorial Baptist Churches.

The Mission Advisory Committee reported that Royal Oaks Mission has been organized into a Missionary Baptist Church, and is going forward nicely under the pastoral leadership of Brother W.T. Furr.

The church petitioned and was received into the fellowship of the association. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the pastor and members present.

The Committee on Evangelism expressed appreciation of the work being done by Brother E.S. Summers with the boys at Jackson Training School. He has faithfully and lovingly worked with these boys for several years. This past year he has baptized 39 of

them into the fellowship of First Baptist Church, Concord. Report by: W. Walter Jones, R.F. Gardner and J. Townley Davis.

The Promotion-Executive Committee met June 5, 1944,to consider a proposition by the Mission Advisory Committee to employ a full time Associational Missionary whose salary was to be paid jointly by the State Mission Board and the Home Mission Board. The Association was to furnish a home and traveling expenses. The motion was seconded and failed to carry. F. W. Fogleman, chairman, Promotion-Executive Committee.

April 20, 1945 - The Pastor's Conference. The West Concord Baptist Church on March 18, 1945, revoked the ordination of Edward B. Joyner due to the fact he denied the faith by affiliating himself with the Church of God. This action was taken after Mr. Joyner surrendered his ordination papers upon the request of the Cabarrus Baptist Ministers' Conference of March 12, 1945.

September 12-13,1945 Annual Meeting with Concord, First Baptist Church, Concord, and the North Side Church of Kannapolis, be admitted to the fellowship of our body. (2) That in the future the North Side Church of Kannapolis will support the regular mission program of our Baptist State Convention. (3) That they will recommend that the name of the North Side Baptist Church be changed to avoid confusion with the North Kannapolis Baptist Church.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to Eastside and North Side Baptist Churches by the Moderator, declaring their full rights and privileges in our Association.

Enrollment for the Annual Meeting shows 158 messengers, and 180 visitors present, making a total enrollment of 338.

September 11-12, 1946 Annual Meeting with Southside Baptist Church.

Jackson Park and Skyland was received into the fellowship of the Association. Brother Fred Agee read the report on Sunday Schools, in the absence of H.L. Irwin. The Moderator stated Brother Irvin had broken his glasses, and was uptown trying to get them fixed.

Brother W.W. Jones, chairman of the Missions Advisory Committee, gave an oral report of work done among the colored people.

September 17-18,1947 - Annual Meeting with Calvary Baptist Church.

Digest of Letters 1946-47:

Members	9768
Baptisms	543
Letters	456
Loss by: death,letters,etc.	33
letters, etc.	459
Orphanage	7,829.35
Missions	53,406.44
Local	269,990.08
Total	$331,225.84

Pine Grove Baptist Church was received into full fellowship of the Association.

September 15-16,1948 -Annual Meeting with McGill Street Baptist Church.

Annuity Board: The Annuity Board just closed its thirtieth year of service as one of the four major boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. The year just closed registered a gain in the total assets of nearly two million dollars over the year 1946. Total amount of money earned during the year on investment funds was $359,000 plus, almost $1,000 a day. (Report by J.T.Davis).

A motion was made and adopted that the Executive Committee confer with M.A. Huggins, Executive Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, requesting that the State Mission Board invest $1,000 in property on Patterson Street in the Southeast section of Concord, said lot comprising one lot 100 by 120 feet and one cement block building 30 by 40 feet designed to serve as a church.

In the event the State Mission Board agrees to provide $1,000 toward the purchase price of this property, then the Cabarrus Association will arrange to secure a loan which will make possible the purchase of the property, said loan to be paid $1,000 by the State Mission Board and the remainder by the

congregation of the Patterson Street Baptist Church when such church is organized.

October 24-25,1949 - Annual Meeting with West Point Baptist Church.

The word "Missionary" was dropped from the name of the Association, leaving it as Cabarrus Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Four new churches were received into the fellowship of the Cabarrus Baptist Association: White Park, which was organized November 14, 1948, Poplar Grove organized October 3, 1948, Memorial, and Parkwood, organized August 7, 1949.

The Subject of Associational Missionary Comes Up Again.

D.M. Branch, pastor, First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, made a motion that a committee be appointed to study and investigate the possibilities of securing someone to serve as Associational Missionary to the Cabarrus Baptist Association. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Moderator was asked to appoint the committee, which shall give its report at the first meeting of the Promotion Committee.

The committee appointed by the Moderator were: R.W. Bailes,chairman, H.A. Privette, Ray Billings, C.E. Turner, and Mrs. John W. Sutton.

Brotherhood Report: One of the most forward steps our Southern Baptist Convention has taken in recent years for the ongoing of the Kingdom work was the launching of the Baptist Brotherhood movement. We now have eight Brotherhoods in our Association, with a membership of 328.

Pastors Conference Resolution Adopted By The Association

"Whereas the problem of beverage alcohol has reached a dangerously acute state in America; and whereas the legislative bodies of both State and National governments are subjected in their official capacities to constant intimidation and unremitting pressure from the economic interests involved in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages; and whereas many legislators exhibit a willingness to comply with the demands of winery, brewery, and distillery agents and pressure groups:

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That candidates for county and state political offices be interrogated in advance of elections by officers of Baptist Associations or pastors' conferences regarding their personal and official attitude toward beverage alcohol;
2. That the attitude of said candidates toward beverage alcohol be made public by whatever means may be deemed most effective;

3. That candidates for national legislative positions be interrogated by the President of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the President of the North Carolina Baptist Pastor's Conference regarding their personal and official attitude toward alcoholic beverages; and
4. That the attitude toward beverage alcohol of said candidates for national legislative positions be made public through whatever means may be deemed most effective; and
5. That the resolution be adopted by the Associational Pastors' Conference, sent to the Association in its annual meeting, and if passed there, be sent in proper forms to the Baptist Pastors' Conference in its annual meeting, and if passed there, be sent to the Baptist State Convention in its annual session.

October 23-24,1950 - Annual Meeting with Shadybrook Baptist Church.

Executive Committee Report: A report was given December 13,1949, from the Special Committee appointed by the Association to study the possibility of employing an Associational Missionary. This committee recommended the calling of a Missionary provided the Association favored it. The report was adopted.

Missions Committee Report: Your committee has made a thorough canvas of the attitudes of the pastors and others relative to the matter of an Associational Missionary. We find that most of our people believe an Associational Missionary would be of great value to our work, but they do not believe the Association is ready to take such a step at this time. Your committee, therefore, recommends that the matter of employing an Associational Missionary be tabled for the present time. The report was adopted.

The White Hill Baptist Church was received into fellowship of the Association.

State Missions Report: by R.C. James: The State Mission program is a huge program having as its main objective NORTH CAROLINA FOR CHRIST. In order to reach this objective, it promotes the following eighteen activities: necessary pastors, lots for new churches, sunday school work, training union work, student work, ministry to other races, school for pastors, Allied Church League, ministry to the sick, evangelism summer student program, rural church work, work among silent people,schools for deacons, Baptist Brotherhood, department of radio and visual aids, summer assemblies, and varied items not classified.

October 29-30, 1951 -Annual Meeting with Kerr Street Baptist Church.

A report recently came to the Executive Committee that the Roberta Baptist Church had announced publicly, and held a footwashing service on September 29,1951. It was reported that several Freewill Baptist ministers were invited to assist in conducting the footwashing services.

On October 8, several members of the Executive Committee (Branch, Privette, Matheny),called on E.M. Ferguson, pastor of the Roberta Church, to inquire if the reported footwashing service actually took place. He affirmed that it did, but that it was held because the church called for it to be held. The committee then offered to meet with the Board of Deacons to discuss the matter, if their services were desired. Mr. Ferguson invited them to meet with his deacons the following Tuesday night. Upon arrival at the church the following Tuesday night the committee found about 150 men present and a testimony meeting in progress. After some time the leader of the service recognized us and Mr. Branch went to the front. He explained the Baptist position on footwashing as a church ordinance, and heard numerous comments from those present. After a thorough discussion, the members of the church present, including the deacons, expressed themselves as feeling that they should and would continue to conduct footwashing services.

There were statements of goodwill on both sides, and the committee left.

On the basis of the foregoing report we recommend that the Association withdraw fellowship from the Roberta Baptist Church on the following grounds:

(1) Disorderly practice in the form of footwashing.
(2) Refusal to recognize such practice as doctrinal error, and refusal to correct same.

There were 147 messengers present. The vote was 105 in favor of withdrawal. A two-thirds majority necessary would have been 98 votes.

A Resolution Adopted: "Be it resolved that the Association register their sincere objection to the action of the President in appointing an Ambassador to the Vatican. The blood-bought principle of Separation of Church and State makes it impossible to approve such an appointment to any religious group. We further resolve that we will urge our churches to send resolutions to our United States Senators from North Carolina, asking that they refuse to confirm such an appointment." Virgil M.Hailey, chairman, Mary Frances Moss, C.W. Walker. The resolution was adopted.

October 27-28,1952 -Annual Meeting with West Point Baptist Church.

Fisher Street, Sharon, Immanuel, and Harrisburg Baptist churches were received into the fellowship of the Association.

Reverend R.F. Gardner, President of the Cabarrus Baptist Pastors' Conference, brought a recommendation from that body that the Association appoint a committee to employ an Associational Missionary (see Annual Meeting 1950 for prior status of this matter). A motion was made to appoint such a committee. It carried.

Reverend Ralph Cannon made a motion that a telegram of encouragement and assurance of our prayers be sent to Reverend Douglas M. Branch, pastor of First Baptist Church Kannapolis, who was in Alaska on a preaching mission sponsored by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The message was sent.

The Executive Board recommended that the following places be pointed out for possible investigation and consideration: (1) Rodgers Park in Northeast Kannapolis, (2) The community on Old Turkey Road, (3) Harrisburg, (4) to contact McGill Street Church as to what has been done about the recently established mission near Mt. Pleasant and to give such aid as possible to the work. The report was adopted.

The Resolutions Committee recommended that the 17th Annual session dedicate the 1952 Annual to Reverend E.S. Summers. Mr. Summers was influential in the organization and promotion of this Association. He was the first Moderator and served in that capacity for four years.

Associational Missionary Again. The Moderator called for the question concerning the Associational Missionary that was postponed from the afternoon session.

Reverend John Knight, pastor of McGill Street, took the floor and called on several for discussion. Reverend R. F. Gardner, President of the Pastors' Conference spoke in favor of it. Moderator Hailey, turned the gavel over to the Vice-Moderator and spoke favorable on the matter and presented the tentative budget recommended by the Budget Committee at the request of the Pastors' Conference.

Reverend T. H. Biles, Immanuel Baptist Church, spoke of his experience in some other Associations that had employed a Missionary and gave some very interesting comparisons of the work before the Missionary came and after. Reverend J. D. Griffin, Brookdale, spoke from personal experience as a Missionary in the Durham Association.

A motion by Reverend R. F. Gardner, pastor of Young Street, to have the Missions Committee contact the churches and have a report made to the committee. The motion unanimously carried.

October 26-27, 1953 - Annual Meeting with McGill Street and Southside Baptist Churches.

The Petitionary Letters Committee recommended that Bright Light and Rodgers Park be received into fellowship of the Association. Adopted.

Report from the Promotion Committee: John Knight, chairman of the Missions Committee, introduced Reverend R.T. Greene, the newly elected Associational Missionary, who spoke briefly.

Reverend R.T. Greene, began his work with the Association on May 1, 1953. He has proven to be faithful and helpful in all phases of the work in our Association. Your Missions committee recommends to the Association that the work of Associational Missions and our Associational Missionary be continued indefinitely.

July 21,1953, The Broadus Memorial Baptist Church was organized.

The Tidelands Oil Bill: John Knight made a motion that the Moderator and Clerk draw up a suitable resolution in the name of the Association on the "Tidelands Oil Bill" now pending in Congress and urge the use of the word "public" before the word "school" in the Bill and submit the resolution to the proper persons in the Congress of the United States. Fred L. Trull seconded the motion and it was adopted.

The Clerk was asked to send suitable words of consolation to the wife of Pastor Frank Miller, whose father had passed away during the early hours of the morning.

October 25-26,1954 - Annual Meeting with Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

The Petitionary Letters Committee recommended that Glorieta and Broadus Memorial Baptist Churches be received into fellowship of the Associaiton.

The Promotion Committee: reported two missions were started under the direction and supervision of the Missions Committee - one at Georgeville and one at Lane Street,Kannapolis. Financial aid for these missions was authorized in the amount of $300 each from the Capital Outlay Fund of the Association. Reverend R.F. Gardner was employed as mission pastor to these missions.

A part-time secretary for the Associational Missionary was secured.

The Missions Committee was instructed to buy a lot at the best price and terms at Spring and Marsh Streets in Concord on which a home and office for the Missionary would be built. The money for this over and above the cash on hand to be borrowed by the Missions Committee and Trustees at the best rate of interest and terms.

Reverend John Knight, pastor of McGill Street, moved that the matter of purchasing a lot at Spring and Marsh be made a matter of preferred business at

the miscellaneous period on Tuesday evening session. The matter was adopted.

The Relief and Annuity Report; Not more than one-third of those eligible for membership in the Ministers' Retirement Plan are taking advantage of the plan. The plan is very simple. The pastor pays four percent of his salary, not to exceed $4,000 and the church pays a like amount. The Convention is obligated to add to that amount a sum sufficient to make the plan secure. When a man reaches retirement age, (sixty-five), he is eligible for retirement. Anytime after he reaches that age his widow is entitled to receive one-half of what he may be receiving, or is entitled to receive in the event he does not wish to retire at sixty-five. As information only, I mention the fact that Social Security is now open to ministers on a salary not to exceed $4200. The wise pastor will undertake to have both. Alfred E. Staley, representative.

Resolution Against Bible Teaching in the Public School System-Adopted.

"Whereas religious liberty, the principle for which our Baptist forefathers so bravely fought and spectacularly won, is being jeoparidized, and whereas, the Constitution states that Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion;

Therefore, be it resolved: (a) That this Association go on record as showing its disapproval of general tax funds being allocated for Bible teachers in the public school system, (b) That no parochial (church) school, (Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish) be supported, partially or entirely, by general taxation."

Racial Segregation: "Whereas there are over 10,000,000 Negroes in the United States, where Southern Baptists are most numerous; and whereas racial segregation has become a major universal issue,

Therefore, be it resolved: That we seek God's solution to this issue through intelligent thinking, scriptural searching, and prayerfully yielding ourselves to God." (Presented by Committee on Resolutions)

Missions Committee: On the recommendation of the Missions Committee, the Association voted to purchase the lot on the corner of Spring and Marsh Streets at a price not to exceed $4500.

October 24-25,1955 -Annual Meeting with First Baptist Church, Kannapolis.

The Petitionary Letters committee: recommended that the following churches be received into the Association for full fellowship: Community, Faith, Wayside, and Lane Street. The recommendation was approved.

Gift of Gavel to the Association Reverend Charles C. Coffey, pastor of Kannapolis First Baptist, presented the Moderator with a gavel, a personal gift from himself. The gavel was made of olive wood, taken from the olive trees of Jerusalem. The unusual gift was gratefully accepted by the Moderator.
The property on which Lane Street Baptist Church building stands was arranged for and paid in part by Associational funds in cooperation with the North Carolina State Convention.

Re-ordination. Reverend Carl Woodbury, pastor Pitts Baptist Church, gave an explanation of his decision to be re-ordained. He also set forth his position toward the Cooperative Program. Reverend Boyd Milburn, Memorial Baptist pastor, asked to see the Committe on Ordination at the close of the session. He then asked that the matter of the recommendation of ordination for Reverend Carl Woodbury be referred back to the body of the Association, inasmuch as he had made his remarks concerning his viewpoints toward the Cooperative Program, etc. before the Association. Reverend Woodbury was recognized for the purpose of making a statement of clarification. Reverend Elmer Piper, pastor of Mt.Pleasant First Baptist, moved that the entire matter be referred back to the Ordination Committee. This motion carried.

Report of Executive-Promotion Committee and Advisory Council concerning lot for Missionary Residence and Office: (1) A lot on the corner of Spring and Marsh Streets in Concord was purchased on which to build a house and office for the Missionary for the sum of $4500. The Trustees were authorized to borrow $3800 of this amount. This was done and most of the money borrowed has already been paid. (2) A building committee for the Missionary's home and office was appointed. This committee later brought plans for a house and office that were approved by the Promotion Committee at an estimated cost of $26,000.

Reverend John Knight, pastor of McGill Street, and chairman of the Missions Committee, reported that enough money had been received to pay for the lots which had been purchased.

Complaint about Requesting Money. The Advisory Council was called into session by the Moderator, to hear a complaint concerning the taking of offerings and the calls for money by the various phases of the Associational work. The Council recommended to the Promotion Committee and the recommendation was adopted, that before making a request for money, or taking an offering at a meeting, the agency should lay the need before the Promotion Committee and obtain its approval.

Ordination: Reverend Boyd Milburn, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, and chairman of the Ordination Committee, stated that his committee wished to recommend that the name of Reverend Carl Woodburn be removed, for further study, from the list of those that had been recommended in their previous report. After some discussion there was a motion that the proposal be accepted. The motion carried.

Evangelism Report: Last spring during the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade, so ably led in our Association by Reverend J.C. Canipe, who was then our State Secretary of Evangelism, there was a splendid spirit of cooperation among our churhes in a concerted effort to reach the lost for Christ. About forty-five of our churches and missions took part in this tremendous undertaking. During the Crusade period, through the revival meetings conducted,there were 284 who were received into our churches by baptism, eighty-six were received by letter and three by statement, making a grand total of 373 additions.

Ordination: Reverend Boyd Milburn moved that the matter of deferring the recommendation of Reverend Carl Woodbury, for further study, be now referred to the new committee on Ordination. The motion carried.

October 29-30, 1956 - Annual Meeting with Coldwater Baptist Church.

The Petitionary Letters Committee: recommended the following churches be received into full fellowship of the Association: Faith, Wayside and Lane Street.

Building Committee: The Moderator was asked to appoint an Associational Parsonage building committee, with Reverend C.C. Coffey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, as chairman: Appointed were: Virgil Hailey, C.R. Williams, A. E. Staley, Frank Miller, Curtis Christian, William Mills, Ed Huneycutt, Elmer Piper, H. E. Hall, E. W. Pate, John Knight, and Graham Simmons.

The churches were asked through the Promotional Committee to raise as much money as possible toward the initial payment on the Associational parsonage.

1956-57 Budget

Total Current Expenses	$10,505.00
Designated funds for building purposes: (payment on Associational parsonage & office estimated cost $26,000	5,000.00
Grand Total Budget	$15,505.00

The Budget Committee: recommended: (1) That each church in our Association give a total sum of $1.50 per resident member ($1.00 current expense and fifty cents designated for building Associational parsonage and office) (2) All undesignated funds received by the Associational Treasurer from churches who do not have the building program in their budget shall be divided on the following basis--two-thirds of amount for current expenses and one-third for building purposes. Ernest C. Upchurch, chairman. The report was adopted.

Report of Associational Parsonage and Building Committee. We make the following recommendations: (1) Realizing the need of having our own Associational house and office for our Missionary rather than paying rent, we, the members of the committee wish to recommend that we let a contract for the building of a nine room brick house with a basement and a two room office of brick construction connected by a breezeway, to Kannapolis Construction Company, Carl Brown, Manager, for the sum of $25,982.00 for immediate construction. (2) We further recommend that our Associational Trustees be authorized to borrow up to $20,000 at four percent interest on ninety day renewable notes from the Citizen's National Bank of

Concord. (3) We recommend that the amount now in the building fund be applied toward the construction cost of the building and that we pay from our Associational Treasury one-third of our annual budget income on the indebtedness incurred in building. (4) Finally, we urge each church in our Association to give their best in promotion of this cooperative effort. By a standing vote the adoption was unanimous.

Prayer for Nations in Revolt. By common consent, Dr. Alfred Carpenter was asked to lead in a special prayer for the nations in revolt, such as Poland and Hungary, for God's leadership for the crisis that has developed around the Suez Canal in the Near East.

Petitioning the 1957 State General Assembly for a Liquor Referendum. "Be it resolved that we go on record of uniting our efforts and lending our support to the Allied Church League in securing every possible signature in petitioning the 1957 State General Assembly for a liquor referendum." Reverend Robert Trexler moved the adoption. The motion carried.

October 26-27,1959 - Annual Meeting with Eastside and Bethlehem Churches.

The Petitionary Letters Committee: recommended the following churches be received into full fellowship of the Association: Oak Grove, Mt.Carmel, and Pennsylvania Avenue. Upon their recommendation the following churches were continued under the watchcare of the Association for another year: Four Lane, Hillside, Sunrise and Concord Lake.

Evangelism report: In the Jubilee Revivals in Cabarrus Association this year the thirty-two churches participating, reported 241 baptisms, 97 transfers, with a total of 338 additions.

The Sunday School: reported that we have fifty-eight churches and fifty-nine Sunday Schools. Thirty-three observed January Bible Study Week, fifty-four had Vacation Bible Schools. Two Sunday Schools received the Standard of Excellence: McGill Street, and Mt. Pleasant First. Fifty-five churches received 1,496 study course awards. W.L. Mills, reporting.

Training Union: Director Fletcher Hartsell, Sr., reported that "M" Night for 1958 was attended by 493 people even though ice and snow laid on the ground. Dr. Archie Ellis from Columbia, South Carolina, was our speaker.

Resolutions Adopted: (1) That we commend the newspapers and radio stations of Cabarrus County for the publicity they gave us during our Simultaneous Revivals. (2) That we commend the television broadcasting networks for their efforts to remove undesirable programs from their stations, and the

viewing public. That we urge them to exercise as close observation and control over the production and showing of their television programs in the future as possible, to preserve the trust of the American people in the integrity of our leaders.

April 1960 - Executive Committee Meeting.

Gavel From George W. Truett's Home.: Reverend R.T. Greene, Director of Missions, presented a gavel given to him by Reverend J.G. Miller of Waynesville, North Carolina. The gavel was made of wood from the late George W. Truett's home. A motion was made to receive the gavel and to send a letter of appreciation to Reverend Miller. The motion carried.

July 1960 - Executive Committee Meeting. Reverend Victor L. Trivette, pastor of Young Street Baptist Church, made a motion that the Executive Committee send a telegram stating its disapproval of the Honorable Terry Sanford's choice of John F. Kennedy for the Presidency. The motion carried.

The Odell Mision: Was organized as the Odell Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, October 2, 1960, at 2:30 P.M.

October 24-25,1960 - Annual Meeting with Sharon and Young Street Baptist Churches.

Odell Baptist Church was received into full fellowship of the Association.

The Petitionary Letters Committee: Recommended that Concord Lake Church be received into full fellowship of the Association. We also recommend that the following churches be continued under the watchcare for another year: Four Lane, Hillside, and Rocky River. The Sunrise Church has ceased to be.

Sunday School: The Associational Director, James E. Furr, Sr., reported: The Association along with First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, hosted a Regional Teaching Clinic which enrolled 544, with 398 average attendance from thirty-two churches. Four hundred awards were earned.

Woman's Missionary Society: Director, Mrs. N.F. Freeze, reported: Marked growth was made in every phase of our work. Two new WMU's, three YWA's, three G.A.'s, three Sunbeam bands were organized. Thirty of our churches now have a full-graded union.

October 23-24,1961 - Annual Meeting with Lakewood and Kerr Street Baptist Churches.

Reverend Henry Register, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church and Moderator, stated: Throughout the year there has been a sweet spirit of cooperation and a willingness on the part of pastors and laymen alike to promote the kingdom of God to the best of their ability.

October 15,1962. Executive Board Meeting: At Calvary Baptist Church. A.T. Greene, Jr.,

Associational Missionary, reported that Four Lane Church had withdrawn its request for admission into the Association. The Church was dropped from the watchcare of the Association.

The Petitionary Letters Committee recommended: that Phaniels Baptist Church be received into full fellowship of the Association.

Training Union Report: "M" Night in 1961 met at Brown High School Auditorium. The attendance was the largest ever recorded in the Association. We had 1,252 in attendance, ranking third in the State. Speaker was Thomas Haggai, High Point, North Carolina. Reported by Fletcher Hartsell, Sr. Training Union Director.

September 9,1963 - Executive Committee Meeting at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Reverend Ernest P. Russell, pastor of McGill Street, brought a recommendation from the Pastors' Conference: "That the Association invite the colored Baptist pastors of this area and some of the key men of their churches to participate with us in our Associational Evangelistic Clinic on November 25, 1963. That pastors only be invited to the afternoon meeting and supper, but both the pastor and his key laymen be invited to the night session." The motion carried.

October 28-29,1963- Annual Meeting with Roberta and Franklin Heights Baptist Churches.

Wake Forest Resolution: A resolution opposing the proposed Trustee Plan for Wake Forest College was presented by Reverend Thomas E. Sherrill, pastor of Jackson Park Baptist Church. "We believe it would move Wake Forest College farther away from the original cause for which she was founded and has been supported by North Carolina Baptists." The resolution was approved.

The Petitionary Letters Committee: recommended that Central Baptist Church be received into fellowship of the Association. It was granted.

March 23,1964.Executive Board Meeting with Lane Street Baptist Church. A motion was made and adopted that the Depot Street Baptist Mission be organized as a mission at such time as location for church property can be agreed on by the Missions Committee.

June 15,1964. Executive Committee Meeting with Howell's Baptist Church. "The Missions Committee approves the organization of a new mission in Harrisburg with all deliberate speed, provided a sponsoring church can be secured."

A substitute motion was made "That the Missions Committee approves the organization of a new mission in Harrisburg with all deliberate speed." This motion was seconded and carried.

October 26-27,1964 Annual Meeting with West Concord and Lakewood Baptist Churches.

Evangelism Committee reported that the Jubilee Revival Crusade, during March,1964,had a total of fifty-six churches participating. Thirty-two reported 132 professions of faith, 167 total additions, five Christians dedicating their lives to definite Christian vocations. Victor Trivette, chairman.

"M" Night, October 1964 was held at A.L.Brown High School. Dr. Baker James Cauthen,Secretary for the Foreign Mission Board was the speaker. Attendance was 922.(This is reported in Training Union report on page 34 of 1965 Annual.) Fletcher Hartsell, Sr., Training Union Director.

Resolution report: "Because of the growing commercialization and desecration of the Lord's Day, particularly the matter of automobile races, we urge the messengers of the twenty-ninth session to return to your churches and encourage resolutions from your individual churches of your concern in this matter. These to be sent to the County Commissioners of Cabarrus County, North Carolina. A motion to adopt carried.

Reverend L.A.Howard, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, suggested that we recognize messengers present who have been attending the Annual Sessions over a period of years. Mrs. Beulah Smith, Southside Baptist, and Will N. Allen, Centerview stood and were recognized for their faithfulness.

Associational Treasurer: A motion was made and carried that the Treasurer be authorized to pay off the balance owed on the Parsonage and Office indebtedness which was $500.00.

December 14,1965. Executive Board Meeting with Wil-Mar Park Baptist Church. The Missions Committee recommends the following: (1) That we request Pastoral Aid from State Missions for Harrisburg Mission in the amount of $2400. The motion carried. (2) That we request State Mission Board aid for $2,000 to purchase a lot for the Harrisburg Mission. The motion carried. (3) That our Association with the help of the State Mission Board over a period of years be responsible for the building to be put on the lot for the Harrisburg Mission. A motion was made to refer back to the Missions Committee for further study. The motion carried.

Executive Committee Name was Changed to "The Executive Board" in 1965.

March 29,1965. Executive Board Meeting with Wil-Mar Park Baptist Church. A recommendation from the Missions Committee, brought by Reverend Gilbert R. Pierce, Shadybrook Baptist Church. "That our Association put $1,000 a year for the next three years

in the 230 by 900 foot lot for the Providence Mission." A Motion was made and carried that we adopt this recommendation.

Evangelism Committee chairman Victor L. Trivette, brought a recommendation: "That our Association plan a Simultaneous Revival for a two-week period, April 10-24,1966. We strongly suggest that the pastor serve as evangelist in his own church." The motion was adopted.

June 28,1965. Executive Board Meeting with Wil-Mar Park Baptist Church. The Associational Council asked the Executive Board for a vote of confidence in the council's present plans to visit and work with the non-cooperating churches of the Association in an effort to help them to begin cooperating in the spirit of our Constitution, Article III, Section 1,3, and 4. A motion was made that we do this. The motion carried.

August 5, 1965. A special called session of the Executive Board meeting with Wil-Mar Park Baptit Church.

Reverend Howard Dawkins, pastor of Concord First Baptist, and chairman of the Misions Committee, brought the following recommendation: That we purchase the house and lot, at 161 Spring Street, N., adjoining the Associational property, which belongs to Jack McEachern, for future expansion of our Associational needs, and that we pay the sum of $8,000.

Finance Committee chairman, Millard H. Cheek, brought the following recommendations: (1) That the Trustees be authorized to borrow $8,000 at the best available rate of interest, (2) That the budget be amended to provide for a minimum of $100 per month to be paid on this indebtedness, with additional amounts being paid as they are found to be available, (3) That funds also can be provided as are necessary for the closing of the transaction."

Trustee Bill Mills, presented the following resolution: Whereas David McEachern and wife Ruth Y. McEachern have agreed to sell their house and lot...Be it resolved, that the Trustees of the Cabarrus Baptist Association be authorized and directed to have the title to the property examined, and upon determining that the owners thereof can convey a fee simple title to said property, the Trustees are authorized to pay the sum of $8,000 as consideration for said property. Be it further resolved, that the Trustees be authorized and directed to borrow from the Citizens National Bank of Concord or some other bank or financial institution as they may elect, the sum of $8,000 upon as favorable terms and conditions as possible..." Mr. Mills moved its adoption. It was seconded and discussed. A vote was taken by standing.

There were forty-two for and one against. The resolution carried.

October 25-26,1965 - Annual Meeting with Mt.Pleasant First Baptist and North Kannapolis Baptist Churches.

The Petitionary Letters Committee recommended that Rocky River and Victory churches be received into the Association and extended the right hand of fellowship.

The Missions Committee recommends: that you determine the basis of giving now being used in your church and that if your church is not now giving on a monthly basis at least two percent of its receipts to the support of the work of your Association, that you bring this to the attention of your church with a request that your church take action to this effect.

Special Information. First Baptist Church, Concord, organized Providence Baptist Mission, Harrisburg. Reverend A.J. Eure, Jr. was called as pastor. They also purchased a house and lot adjoining the church property. Bright Light Baptist Church paid for a new church building in Belem, Brazil.

CHAPTER FOUR

1966-1975

October 24-25,1966 - Annual Meeting with Shadybrook and McGill Street Baptist Churches.

Evangelism Report: by A.G. Ferris, pastor of Young Street, and chairman of this committee: Twenty-seven churches participated in the Simultaneous Revivals held in April. A total of 1767 decisions were reported including 153 baptisms, 50 transfer of letters, 1563 rededications. One full time commitment for religious service was reported.

The Enrollment Committee reported 274 messengers and 77 visitors were registered for the Annual Meeting. Total 351.

Training Union Report: The 1965 "M" Night was held at First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, in October with Dr. Porter Routh as the inspirational speaker. There were 550 in attendance.

Executive Board Report: In our March 28,1967 meeting the Executive Board voted to send all legislators in Cabarrus and Rowan counties a letter expressing opposition of the Executive Board to any change in liquor laws in our State.

Executive Board Meeting, July 26,1967, letters of appreciation for opposing the "brown bagging" law in the Legislature was sent to Representatives Dwight Quinn and James C. Johnson of Cabarrus County, and Representatives Austin A. Mitchell, Samuel A. Troxler and C.V. Parrish of Rowan County. Letters of protest for voting for the bills were sent to Senators John R. Boger, Jr., and Frank Griffin.

Telegrams were sent to Representative James C. Johnson and Senator John R. Roger, Jr., asking them to withdraw the enabling act permitting Concord and Mount Pleasant to have a referendum on the establishing of ABC liquor stores and to substitute an act stating a time limit. (Their reply was that the General Assembly adjourned before they received our telegram.)

Resolution Committee: Whereas, the Cabarrus County Board of Education, Concord City Board of Education, and Kannapolis City Board of Education have demonstrated wise and courageous leadership in dealing with tedious problems in regards to the operation of the schools of the area, therefore, be it resolved that Cabarrus Baptist Association in the thirty-second session at Lakewood Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N.C., October 24, 1967, express its appreciation and gratitude for the leadership that has been offered by said Boards of Education on behalf of all citizens of Cabarrus County. Howard Dawkins, Chairman.

October 28-29,1968 - Annual Meeting with Central

and Young Street Baptist Churches.

Executive Board Report: At Webb Field, Concord, on Sunday Evening, August 18, 1968, at 7:45 PM, in conjunction with the Crusade of Americas Rallies, we held "M" Night with Dr. C.E. Autry, Director of the Department of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, as the speaker.

The Executive Board further reports that we held a Crusade of Americas Rally, designated as Sunday School "Action Night", at the Memorial Stadium, Kannapolis, on Sunday Evening, August 25,1968, with Dr. Vance Havner of Greensboro as speaker. Dr. Claude White also spoke on "The Role of the Sunday School in the Crusade".

The Petitionary Letters Committee recommended that Gordon Heights and Midway Churches be received into full fellowship of the Association. The Moderator welcomed the churches.

Resolutions Committee: Therefore be it resolved that the thirty-third Annual Session of the Cabarrus Baptist Association, consisting of sixty-two churches in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties oppose any legislation that will permit liquor-by-the-drink which will add to the problems, and

That we encourage all candidates to the General Assembly to inform the voting public of their stand on this issue, and

That copies of this resolution be sent to all candidates to the General Assembly in both Cabarrus and Rowan Counties. Mrs. John U. Garner, Chairman.

October 27-28,1969 - Annual Meeting with Pitts and Calvary Baptist Churches.

Afternoon sessions dropped. Beginning this year the afternoon session of the Annual Meeting will be dropped--no more noon-day dinners.

Name Changes: The Associational Missionary title is changed to "Director of Missions". The Associational Minutes name is changed to "Associational Annual". Executive Board report item 8 and 27, 1969 Annual.

Resolutions Committee Report: Mrs. John U. Garner, Chairman: Be it resolved that we commend the Radio and Television Commission for the production of JOT, which presents spiritual values to children, instead of presenting crime, violence, etc. which are so common.

Be it resolved (1) That the Cabarrus Baptist Association express its appreciation to Representatives Austin A. Mitchell and Samuel A. Troxler and Senator Odell Sapp of Rowan County and to Representative Dwight Quinn, and James C. Johnson and Senator John R. Boger, Jr., of Cabarrus County for opposing all efforts concerning liquor-by-the drink;

(2) That we express appreciation to Marse Grant, editor of The Biblical Recorder, for his leadership to build support in opposing such measures; (3) That we ask the Christian Action League to implement plans and actions to oppose liquor-by-the-drink legislation at the next Assembly.

Special Information: Royal Oaks celebrated their Twenty-fifth Anniversary. Bright Light contributed $5,000 to Southern Baptist Mission work in St. Kitts.

May 25, 1970.Executive Board meeting on April 26,1970, a reception honoring Mrs. Diane Cranford's ten years of service as secretary in the Associational office was held. She was given $100 and a pin as an expression of appreciation.

Church withdraws from Association.August 31,1970. Executive Board Meeting at Parkwood Baptist Church. Reverend Thurman W. Allred, Director of Missions, announced the resignation of Gordon Heights Baptist Church, Concord indicating their withdrawal from the fellowship of the Cabarrus Baptist Association.

October 26-27,1970. -Annual Meeting with Providence, Coldwater, and Centerview Baptist Churches.

Missions Committee Report: World Mission Conference, held April 11-16, 1970, had a total attendance of 10,615.

The Petitionary Letters Committee recommended the Grace Baptist Church be received into full fellowship of the Association.

Substitute Resolution: The following substitute resolution was adopted in lieu of one by the Resolutions Committee: Be it resolved that we commend our President for his fairness shown to all religious groups and for his image as a leader with personal integrity and religious faith.

We pledge to him our prayerful support during these days of continuing crisis on many fronts.

We voice to him our disappointment over his appointment of a personal emissary to the Vatican. We are fearful of the implications of this action. We would hope that the President would continue to consult religious leaders, statesmen, and other leaders concerning the wisdom of this action with a possibility of it being rescinded. (A letter conveying this message was written to the President).

Cabarrus invaded with "Good News for Modern Man". With Baptists in the foreground, the "Good News for Modern Man" New Testament was distributed to all the homes of Cabarrus County by over one thousand people, representing 110 churches of all faiths, under the leadership of Reverend Thurman W. Allred, Director of Missions, and Mrs. Allred.

They provided 42,000 copies of the New Testament furnished by The American Bible Society at nineteen

cents per copy.

American Bible Society Report: by Mrs. Thurman W. Allred. Annie Valloton, Illustrator of the Today's English Version, from Paris, France, came to our Association and spoke concerning the Good News for Modern Man.

Special Information. Jackson Park Baptist Church, Kannapolis, held a special meeting on Sunday, September 13, 1970, calling all church members to repentance, rededication, and a new beginning.

Oak Grove Baptist Church asks for Help. February 22,1971. Executive Board Meeting with West Concord Baptist Church. Report from the Missions Committee: Reverend Thurman W. Allred, Director of Missions stated: Oak Grove Baptist Church, Kannapolis, asked for assistance from the Association for their church. The pastor had quit, the attendance was down to only a few people, the church was behind with the payments on their building indebtedness and the Building and Loan Association had served notice they were going to foreclose the next day, January 18. They were also behind on payments on their heating system.

On January 24, the Director of Missions met with a small group of Oak Grove members. As a result, a special meeting of the Missions Committee agreed, in order to save the church from losing their property we would act promptly and take enough out of the "lots for new churches" of the expansion fund of the Associational budget, and make the three back payments of $144.00, bringing the payments up to date for them. This we did with the chairman of the Finance Committee agreeing to it. The church felt they could handle the $12.00 per month heating system payments. The present indebtedness is $1500.

On the following Sunday, January 31, 1971, the Director of Missions preached for the church. Reverend E.G. Johnson was asked to go the following Sunday.

We believe that we have worked out a plan whereby we can give the church an opportunity to see if it can survive by assisting them for a six month period. On February 21, Reverend Johnson, Allred, and Starnes met with the church to plan what future actions might be taken.

We will work with the church for a six month period to see if there is any possibility for growth. Reverend Starnes, pastor of White Hill Baptist Church, led his church to contribute $36.00 per month for payment on the building debt and furnish the literature for the six month period, providing the Oak Grove Church agrees to come under the watchcare (close supervision) of the Cabarrus Baptist Association. The church agrees to this. The Calvary Baptist Church has

agreed to give $5.00 per week for this six month period to a special mission fund, to assure the maintenance of Mr. Johnson as pastor. The church will vote next Sunday, February 28, to call Brother Johnson as their pastor.

Mr. Allred, speaking for the Missions Committee, asked the Executive Board for permission to set aside an amount of $1,000 as a reserve fund from the expansion budget, to be used as it becomes available. This is to be used as a stand by fund in order to meet the expenses of the Pastor's salary for the six month period, in case it is needed.

A motion was made that we give the Missions Committee this authority. It was seconded and discussed. The motion carried.

October 25-26,1971 - Annual Meeing with Parkwood, Central and Shadybrook Baptist Churches.

The Petitionary Letters Committee: recommended that Faggart Memorial Baptist Church be received into full fellowship of the Association.

Resolutions Committee Report: Was adopted: 1. Constitutional "Non-Denominational Prayer Amendment", House Joint Resolution 191--Therefore be it resolved that the Cabarrus Baptist Association representing over 19,000 Baptists, meeting in its thirty-sixth Annual Session, go on record as opposing the tampering with the first amendment to the Constitution..and that we inform Congressman Earl Ruth of our hopes that he will vote against House Joint Resolution 191. That we inform him of our belief that a vote against this resolution is a vote against regimented and governmentally sponsored religion. And that real prayer and genuine New Testament religion have nothing to gain and all to lose if this amendment becomes a part of the Constitution.

Further, Be it resolved that we urge all the fellow Baptists of the Cabarrus Baptist Association to write and express their concern about this "booby-trap" and "time-bomb" against true religion. (2) The North Carolina General Assembly liquor-by-the-drink bills--Be it therefore resolved that Cabarrus Baptist Association representing sixty-two churches and some twenty thousand Baptists in the Cabarrus, Rowan, and Stanley areas do hereby: (1) Commend Representatives Quinn, Mitchell, and Nash for their consistent voting record opposing legislation to liberalize liquor laws that would increase consumption and encourage drinking and driving; (2) That we commend Representative Johnson for his voting "NO" six times on liquor-by-the-drink legislation but were disappointed in his conspicious absence on the second roll call of the strategic Mecklenburg liquor-by-the-drink bill; (3) That we

cannot understand Senator Kirk's inconsistent voting record of voting YES twice and NO twice seeming to satisfy both sides of the issue; (4) That we express great disappointment in the voting record of Senator O'Neil Jones who supported every piece of pro-liquor legislation and opposed any attempts to make stricter laws on drinking and driving.

3. The Reverend A.J. Brewer Resolution, pastor for twenty-five years at First Baptist Church, Kannapolis: Whereas, Reverend Mr. Brewer was called to be with his Lord that he served so faithfully following a heart attack on Monday, October 25,1971;

Whereas, the Reverend Brewer provided his church and our community with constructive leadership through his denomination, through the Kannapolis Bible Teaching Association, and other city-wide endeavors;

Be it therefore Resolved that the Cabarrus Baptist Association meeting at the Shadybrook Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 26, 1971, do hereby:

1. Extend our heart-felt sympathy to the members of the First Baptist Church of East C. Street, Kannapolis, due to the death of their pastor;

2. Convey our Christian concern and compassion to the wife and members of the family of the Reverend A.J. Brewer, and that his life and commitment to our Lord will be a source of strength and guidance.

Resolution by Dixie Upright. Whereas, the schools of Concord and Kannapolis have provided a Bible Teaching Program on a volunteer basis for the students who so desire to participate in the study of God's Word;

Whereas, this ministry is sponsored mainly through contributions from the churches of our area;

Whereas, there is an evident lack of knowledge of the Word of God among the youth of our community:

Whereas, this program provides an opportunity for students to study the Bible more extensively where irresponsible parents do not encourage Bible Study in the home nor even active church participation;

Be it therefore Resolved that the Cabarrus Baptist Association meeting at the Shadybrook Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 26, 1971, do hereby:

(1) Express our appreciation to the Concord and Kannapolis Bible Teaching Association for making possible this ministry which undergirds what the church is seeking to do through the study of God's Word;

(2) Acknowledge with gratitude the support that the Administrative units of the Concord and Kannapolis Public Schools render to this valuable endeavor;

(3) Urge the Baptist churches who have students within these school districts to participate in these Bible teaching programs;

(4) Express our appreciation to the churches of

our Association who financially support this ministry and encourage others who are not doing so to give this undergirding ministry our prayerful consideration.

Trustees Report. As of September 1,1971, the deeds and title opinions for the real property owned by the Association are in safety deposit box number fifty-three in the Cabarrus Bank and Trust Company, Concord, North Carolina, together with hazard insurance policy number 61C-201-187-C issued by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company insuring the pastorium and office building for the sum of $40,000. The Trustees also hold Nationwide Insurance Company owners-landlords-tenants liability policy number 61-GA-984-020 and Nationwide employers' and non-ownership automobile liability policy number 61-GA-985-161 insuring the Association in the sum of $100,000/$300,000/$25,000.

The Executive Board recommended that no further action be taken at this time against the pastor of Bright Light Church concerning the allegation that he had used abusive language toward other pastors of the Association.

Special Information: Phaniels Baptist Church held a Seventy-five year celebration in September 1971. Bright Light gave $4,000 to Waldport, Oregon Mission to help in the construction of a building.

October 23-24,1972. - Annual Meeting with Memorial, Grace, and Southside Baptist Churches.

Cabarrus Baptist Association Takes Initiative Toward Securing Property For Re-locating Missions Office.

The appointment of a committee. Reverend J. Marion Rector, pastor of Kerr Street Baptist Church and chairman of the Missions Committee, brought two recommendations from the Missions Committee. (1) That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to study the office space needs of the Association; that the committee survey the availability of property in the general area of Cabarrus Memorial Hospital upon which an Associational office building could be located; that the committee be authorized to place an option upon such property which it deems worthy of consideration, and that the committee report its findings to the Executive Board. (2) Furthermore the committee recommends that when the Association has taken action to re-locate the office, that the present office-parsonage be sold, the money received be applied to the new building, and that the Director of Missions be paid a housing allowance in lieu of a parsonage being furnished by the Association. The committee appointed: Raiford Troutman, chairman, Brice Beam, and Reverend W. L. Hollar.

Gordon Heights asks to be re-instated. From the Missions Committee: Having received a letter of explanation from the Gordon Heights Baptist Church concerning that church's request for withdrawal of fellowship from the Cabarrus Baptist Association in 1970, and finding no precedent in the Association's records, the Committee on Missions recommends that, due to the uniqueness of this situation, the Gordon Heights Baptist Church, at their request, be re-instated into the Cabarrus Baptist Association with a waiver of the watchcare of new churches. He moved the adoption of the recommendation. The recommendation was adopted.

E. J. Daniels Concord-Kannapolis Crusade for Christ. Evangelism Report: Dr. E.J. Daniels and his team led in a tent revival, September 17- October 1, 1972, with fifty-two of our churhes participating. Attendance: 60,000 with some 879 recorded decisions.

November 27, 1972. Executive Board Meeting with West Concord Baptist Church. The sub-committee of the Missions Committee to seek a new Director of Missions is composed of the following: Norman Brisson, chairman, Reverend Ralph Brunson, Mrs. Faye Hollar, Reverend William D. Byrd, Moderator, and Reverend J. Marion Rector, chairman of the Missions Committee.

February 26, 1973. Executive Board Meeting with First Baptist Church, Concord. Raiford Troutman, chairman of the Property Study Committee, reported they were seeking property near Cabarrus Memorial Hospital (see Annual 1972, item 10), on which to re-locate the Missions office. They have found several pieces of property but so far had made no commitment. They are still working on it.

August 27, 1973. Executive Board Meeting with Bethlehem Baptist Church. Raiford Troutman, chairman of Search Committee for Associational Property reported: We recommend that we purchase a lot behind the hospital on Concord Lake Road. It has approximately 125 feet frontage and 250 feet depth. It can be purchased for $20,000. He moved its adoption. It was seconded and discussion followed.

A motion was made by Jack Hill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Concord, to table the motion until the Annual Session in October. This motion was seconded and carried.

October 29-30, 1973. -Annual Meeting with Poplar Grove, Jackson Park and Brookdale Baptist Churches.

The Moderator recognized Raiford Troutman, chairman of the committee appointed by the Moderator last Annual Session, to study the office space needs of the Association and survey the availability of property in the general area of the Cabarrus Memorial Hospital upon which an Associational office building

could be located. Mr. Troutman spoke on his original motion made in the Executive Board meeting in August.

The Moderator also recognized Reverend Jack Hill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Concord, who spoke to his motion made in the same Executive Board meeting, that tabled the matter until this session.

After much discussion, a motion was made to purchase the lot on Concord Lake Road. It was seconded. The vote was taken by hand count. It was 41 "for" and 112 "against" the motion. The motion failed to carry.

A Joint Recommendation Concerning Housing and Office Space. Reverend Jack Hill made a motion that the Missions Committee along with the Executive Board make a study of the many possibilities that can be worked out concerning and office space for the new Missionary, and that a new joint recommendation be brought before the Association in its Annual 1974 Meeting. That the above action be taken after the services of a Missionary have been acquired and he has moved on the church field. The motion carried.

A motion was then made to amend the original motion to read: that the Missions Committee along with the Executive Board make a study of the many possibilities that can be worked out concerning the housing and office space for the new Missionary, that a joint recommendation be brought before the Association in its Annual 1974 meeting or a called session; that the above action be taken after the services of a new Missionary have been acquired and he has moved on the church field. The amended motion was seconded and carried.

March 14,1974. New Director of Missions is extended a call. At a special called meeting on March 14,1975, the Board voted to extend a call to Reverend George E. Shore, to become Director of Missions for Cabarrus Baptist Association.

July 26,1974. Executive Board Meeting with Kerr Street Baptist Church. The Special Study Committee on Housing and Office Space, in conjunction with a committee of five from the Missions Committtee, Sam Morris, chairman, made a motion: (1) That we establish a housing allowance, with a minimum of $350 per month for our Director of Missions. (2) Convert the present facility at 169 Spring Street,NW, to a better and more adequate office space. The plan to be approved and presented at our Annual Meeting in October for the approval of the entire Association. The motion was seconded. Coy C. Privette, pastor of North Kannapolis, made a motion that the entire question be tabled until additonal information can be presented. It was seconded and carried.

October 10, 1974. Executive Board Meeting with

Wil-Mar Park Baptist Church.

Office at the Mall Recommended: A motion that the tabled motion at our Executive Board Meeting (7/26/74) be taken from the table for consideration. It was seconded and carried.

The original motion part (1) that we establish a housing allowance of $350 per month for our Director of Missions was seconded and carried. Part (2) that we convert the present facility at 169 Spring, N.W., to a better and more adequate office space: this motion received a substitute motion that we sell the existing property at 169 Spring Street, NW. and lease office space at the Carolina Mall. (752 square feet of office space can be secured there for $345.76 per month, with a one-three year option). This substitute motion was seconded and carried 38 for and 17 against.

A motion was then made that we recommend to the Association in the Annual Meeting that we sell the existing property at 169 Spring Street NW., and lease office space at the Carolina Mall. The motion was seconded and carried.

October 28-29, 1974. - Annual Meeting with Lane Street, Kerr Street, and Immanuel Baptist Churches.

Another Effort of Disposing of Housing and Present Facilities. In accordance with item 71 in the proceedings of our 1973 Annual Session, the Executive Board brings the following recommendation: (item 6 of the Executive Board report this year, see item 9 of these proceedings). (1) We recommend that the Association establish a housing allowance of $350 per month for our Director of Missions, (2) That the Association sell the existing property at 169 Spring Street, NW., Concord, and lease office space at the Carolina Mall.

A substitute motion was made as follows: (1) That we establish a housing allowance of $350 per month for the Director of Missions. This allowance will include all utilities, taxes, payments, etc., (2) That we convert the present facility at 169 Spring Street, N.W., into a more adequate office facility. The following estimates are given as information concerning the conversion of the property.

Yard Landscape and paved parking lot (Includes removal of trees, etc.	$6,000.00
Modification of house	2,500.00
(Furnishings, furniture for reception room, used refrigerator for kitchen, 50 stock chairs, etc.	1,300.00
Total...	$9,800.00

(Utilities, janitoral service, yard work will be a continuing expense). In addition (1) build a porch and cut a doorway into reception area. (2) Cut an archway from reception area into secretary's office.

(3) Place a 32,000 BTU air conditioner in wall of large conference area and install a folding door so as to close off large conference room. A motion was made to lay the matter on the table. The vote was 47 for, 97 against. The motion to table failed to carry.

A motion to move the previous question was made. By common consent it was agreed upon.

A motion was made that we consider the substitute motion as the main motion. (the reference is to item 59 above). The vote was 54 for, 88 against. The substitute motion was defeated. Another substitute motion was made that the Associational parsonage remain intact for at least a year and that the office space in the Carolina Mall be acquired. The substitute motion was defeated so overwhelmingly there was no need to count the votes.

A motion was made that we divide the Executive Board's recommendation into separate items. The vote was 41 for, 77 against. The motion to divide was defeated.

We went back to the original Executive Board's motion (number 58) recommending: (1) That the Association establish a housing allowance of $350 per month for the Director of Missions, (2) That the Association sell existing property at 169 Spring Street, N.W., Concord, and lease office space at the Carolina Mall. The vote was 75 for, 64 against. The motion carried.

A motion was made to reconsider the Executive Board's recommendation that was adopted. (It is number 58 and 65 of these proceedings).

There was a call to the point of order that we keep with the order of the day. A motion was made to extend the time. It was seconded and carried.

A substitute motion was made (to number 74 above) as follows: In asmuch as the motion carried to move our Associational Office to the Mall and to give our Missions Director a housing allowance, that we now go on record pledging our support to the decision made so that the earlier vote will not be interpreted as a division in our Association. The question was called for. The vote was taken. It was 67 for, and 70 against. This substitute motion was defeated.

The motion to reconsider and bring back to the floor the Executive Board's proposal (number 58,65,and 74) was voted upon. The vote was 76 for, 54 against. The motion carried.

The motion before the house is now: (1) That the Association establish a housing allowance of $350 per month for our Director of Missions, (2) That we sell the existing property at 169 Spring Street, NW., Concord, and lease office space at the Carolina Mall. The vote was taken. The vote was 60 for, 63 against.

The motion failed to carry.

New Mission: First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, recently survey the Oak Grove community. They took the responsibility for a mission which was re-named "Green Acres Baptist Mission".

February 24,1975. Executive Board Meeting with West Concord Baptist Church. The Missions Committee recommends that our Executive Board meet together in a called meeting on Monday, March 10, 1975, to discuss, with no decision being made at that meeting, the matter of better office facilities and a housing allowance for our Director of Mission. Since this has been a matter of great concern to us for four years, since several committees have given much thought, study, and work to the matter, and since we did not reach a workable solution toward the matter in our last Annual Associational Meeting, the Missions Committee makes this recommendation in the interest of finding a suitable solution that will be acceptable to our Association. After the open meeting on March 10, 1975, the Missions Committee will give study, thought, and prayer to the suggestions, ideas, etc., and then bring, hopefully, a recommendation at a later date for the consideration of the Executive Board and the Association in a called meeting. The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion was defeated.

May 26,1975. Executive Board Meeting with Calvary Baptist Church.

A discussion of guidelines for the committee on office space and housing allowance. This was only a discussion on guidelines for the committee on office space and housing allowance. No action was taken: (1) That when those matters come up again, if they do, that they be presented as separate items. (2) Give our Director of Missions the facilities which will enable him to do his work. (3) The objection of some to moving from the present location was the proposed Carolina Mall location, considered to be unsuitable to them. (4) To be sure the present office space is inadequate. (5) Money is one of our problems. (6) If we have faith we can do what we need to do. (7) The Moderator suggested that the Executive Board members take the matter back to their churches and ask the church members to write letters to the Missions Committee, stating what they think would be a good thing to do.

August 25,1975. Executive Board Meeting at Shadybrook Baptist Church. A recommendation was brought by Reverend Claud Dick, chairman of the Missions Committee: That a housing allowance of $350 be given to the Director of Missions and that the present property be used as is for an Associational Office building, as of October 1,1975. He then moved

for the adoption of this recommendation. It was disussed.

An amended motion was made that this matter be tabled until the Annual Session in October. It was seconded and the motion carried as amended.

A motion was made to reconsider the previous motion to table the motion. It was seconded but failed to carry.

October 27-28,1975. - Annual Meeting with North Kannapolis, Parkwood, and Concord, First.

The Moderator opened the floor for considering the tenth and final item in his Executive Board report, namely; a tabled motion from our last Executive Board Meeting on August 25,1975, to be considered at the Annual Meeting. "That a housing allowance of $350 monthly be given to our Director of Missions and that the present property be used as is for an Associational office building (see number 10 of Executive Board's report in Reports section of these minutes, page 27).

Rising to a point of order a motion was made that the Executive Board's tabled motion was out of order and that it be tabled so that the matter can be brought from the floor for consideration.

The Moderator ruled that such a motion was out of order and asked the body for their feeling on the matter. A vote was taken and the body accepted the Moderator's ruling. A motion to extend the time was made. This was seconded and carried. A discussion period followed. The question was called for. A vote was taken on whether to close off discussion. It carried. A motion was then made to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Board. It was seconded and carried.

Associational Self-Study Program. For several months over sixty people, including personnel from the Home Mission Board have been involved in research, evaluation, and decision making, studying the areas of our Association. Some suggested specific ministries for 1975-76: (1) That we encourage our Evangelism Committee to promote an aggressive program of evangelism, (2) That we begin a part-time prison chaplaincy ministry at the Cabarrus County Prison Union 102. (3) That we invite a youth corp worker to work in our Association next summer for ten weeks. (4) That we encourage every church to have a Family Life Conference next year. Furthermore, the Steering Committee recommends that we begin a part-time Prison Chaplaincy Ministry at the Cabarrus County Prison Unit 102. A chaplain would minister twelve to fifteen hours per week in a counseling role with the inmates and their families. Supervision of the Chaplain would be the responsibility of the Association and the Chaplaincy Program of the Baptist State Convention in

cooperation with the Program Director of the prison unit. The Baptist State Convention has agreed to invest $1,000 in the program for the first year with a larger investment next year. The report was adopted.

Church Training Report: Associational Youth Night met at First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, with 325 young people in attendance.

Evangelism Report: Our baptism rate across ten years has been stable. We have averaged 577 per year. Last year all sixty-six of our churches baptized only 559, less than one member for each pastor, deacon, not counting teachers and other soul winning members.

Special Information: Bright Light sponsored Dillard Morgan, Puerto Rico and Ralph Hoffman, Vancouver, Canada, for the past year and gave each $1,000 to use in purchasing a bus and other necessities on the mission field.

CHAPTER FIVE

1976-1986

October 25-26,1976 - Annual Meeting with Oak Ridge, Franklin Heights and Wil-Mar Park Baptist Churches.

The Petitionary Letters Committee recommended Covenant Baptist Church be received into full fellowship of the Association.

Resolutions Committee Report: Concerning the operation of massage parlors: Be it therefore resolved that Cabarrus Baptist Association meeting in its Forty-first Annual Session on October 26, 1976, at the Wil-Mar Park Baptist Church, Concord, North Carolina, hereby calls upon the Cabarrus Board of Commissioners to enact appropriate legislation that will place restrictions, regulations, and supervision of massage parlors that are currently located in the county or those hereafter.

James Robison Crusade. The James Robison Crusade was held in Greater Concord-Kannapolis area, August 15-22, 1976. There were 1,000 decisions with 700 professions of faith. He later came back for a one night meeting at Brown Auditorium, March 15, 1978.

October 24-25, 1977. Annual Meeting with Enochville, First, Coldwater, and Blackwelder Park Baptist Churches.

Executive Board Report: World Missions Conference was held in our Association January 16-19, 1977. There were thirty-four churches participating.

Evangelism Report: Leon Kilbreth led a Sunday School Revival, October 31-November 5, 1977, at Brown High Auditorium.

Special Information: First Baptist Church, Concord, celebrated their Ninetieth Anniversary with a Creative Arts Festival.

McGill Avenue Baptist Church celebrated their Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

February 27,1978. Executive Board meeting with Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Reverend George E. Shore, Director of Missions, brought the following matter before the Executive Board: For about two years Reverend Ivey Sipes has been talking with me about his forty acres of property which he wishes to dispose of-something like 28-30 acres now at $900 per acre (28 acres would be $25,200 with a payment of $8400 for three years plus interest on the remaining balance).

The house and approximately ten acres of land he agrees to will to the Association at the time of purchase, only to be received upon the death of his wife and himself.

The Missions Committee feels that such property will afford us the opportunity to build a Day Camping Facility. There could be Senior Citizens, prison ministry retreats, recreation, etc. The immediate needs are: Rest room building for both boys and girls, a pavilion shelter with a closed end for storage or storage building, used tractor with bush-hog and mower. Well drilled, insurance coverage-liability and vandalism; recreation equipment needs: softball and volleyball, refrigeration or drink cooler.

We propose to finance this in the following ways: (1) Use existing surplus checking account for 1978 payment, (2) use savings account funds to pay for immediate needs as mentioned above, (3) invite our churches to contribute to a camp fund and lead the Brotherhood and R.A.'s, WMU, and auxilaries to adopt projects such as volunteer work in preparing ball field, nature trails, clean wooded areas, build rough camping cabins, buy recreational equipment, etc. (4) invite individuals within our churches to donate building material, labor, recreational equipment, tractor, bush hog, mower, and other items for a camping retreat facility.

We further propose, at the suggestion of the Church Building Department of our State Convention, to employ the Camp Consultant at the Church Architecture Department in Nashville to draw a complete Master Plan with recommended building phases. This service will cost approximately $400-$500.

Reverend Ralph Brunson, pastor of Odell Baptist Church, made a motion that we proceed in securing this property. The motion was seconded and carried after discussion.

February 27,1978. Executive Board Meeting with Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Self-study program designed by the Home Mission Board. In 1974, a consultant from the Home Mission Board met with our Steering Committee of the Self-Study Program to help the Association to see what it has accomplished in the past and what its purpose and opportunity of ministry and witness and specific goals for the future.

He suggested we plan our ministries for the next five years (1975-80) with strong emphasis on church outreach, Christian Social Ministries, and Evangelism.

In our 1975 Annual Meeting, our Association voted unanimously to implement immediately four specific recommendations of the Self-Study Committee: an aggressive program of Evangelism, a Prison Ministry, a Summer Youth Corps Worker, and a Family Life Conference, and to pursue the recommended direction for Church Outreach, Christian Social Ministries, and Evangelism for our Association in the future.

The Director of Christian Social Ministries is to be an initiator, an equipper, an enabler, a motivator, a resource person, and a "Clearing House" person for our churches in helping them to be more effectively involved in ministry and witness to people who hurt and have special needs.

Grace Baptist Church requested to be received as a Mission Church and provided with our help and assistance. A motion was made they be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

May 29,1978. Executive Board Meeting with Lane Street Baptist Church.

Reverend Ralph Brunson stated that one-third of the cost of the property purchased from Reverend Ivey Sipes has already been paid. Legal matters have been completed. Insurance coverage is already on the property.

We need a committee called Camp Ministry Committee. We have asked the Committee on Committees to appoint six members to serve on the Camp Ministry Committee. It will be a temporary committee to develop and maintain the Camp property and schedule all camp activity. Members appointed were: Lawrence Litaker, Edsel Plummer,chairman, Hayden Vanderburg, Mrs. Claude Connell, Mrs. Raiford Troutman, and Coy Coley. (see item 28 and page 55, Annual 1978). He moved the adoption of this recommendation. It was seconded and carried.

The Missions Committee asks this body permission to request aid from the Baptist State Convention toward the purchase of the camp property--the amount to be $2500. Mr. Brunson moved the recommendation be granted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Grace Mission is now a mission under the leadership of a New Work Committee. This committee works with a parallel committee of the local assembly--three out of the church and three out of the Association.

Mr. Shore announced that Grace Baptist Church will end on June 25,1978. During the month of September, there will be a week of visitatin in the homes of the community, there will be a soul-winning effort in this area, and then a revival is planned. On October 1st, we will organize a new church with a new name.

August 28,1978. Executive Board Meeting with Central Baptist Church.

Reverend George Shore announced that our next payment on the Ivey Sipes property, our camp ground, will be $11,124.96.

October 23-24,1978. - Annual Meeting with Wil-Mar Park, Brookdale, and North Kannapolis Baptist Churches.

Christian Social Ministries. A motion was made by

Reverend Ralph Brunson, chairman of the Missions Committee, that $350 be made available from the Reserve Fund on hand for a desk and chair for the Director of Social Ministries. The motion was seconded and carried.

James Robison conducted a one night Evangelistic Rally at A.L. Brown Auditorium, Kannapolis, on March 15, 1978, with 2,000 in attendance and approximately 160 decisions.

Oregon Preaching Mission: Fifteen teams composed of pastors and laymen from our Association were involved in the Oregon Preaching Mission, from October 29-November 5, 1978. They reported 55 professions of faith, 34 joined the churches by letter during this week.

Clyde Dupin Crusade: Forty-seven churches participated in the Clyde Dupin Crusade, October 15-22,1978. Eighteen of these were Cabarrus Baptist Associational churches.

Special Information: Pitts Baptist Church and Wil-Mar Park Baptist Church observed their Thirty-fifth Anniversaries.

November 20, 1978. Executive Board Meeting: with Franklin Heights Baptist Church. Reverend George Shore, Director of Missions for the past five years tendered his resignation effective January 31,1979.

Report from Misions Committee Chairman, Raiford Troutman: A Search Committee to seek a new Director of Missions has been appointed. They are: Raiford Troutman, Reverend Gary Byrd, pastor of Shadybrook, and Mrs. Archie Ritchie, Jr., McGill Avenue.

Reverend George Shore, Director of Missions, announced the Director of Social Ministries which was scheduled to begin work in our Association in January will now be put on hold until we get another Director of Missions.

New Work Committee members are: Mike Minnix, chairman, Margaret Terrell, Raiford Troutman, and Mrs. Archie Ritchie, Jr., ex-officio.

February 26,1979. Executive Board Meeting with West Point Baptist Church. Dr. Ken Altom, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, asked for help in teaching and training for work with Green Acres Mission. We plan a survey of the community on April 5, 1979.

A clinic on "Evangelism in the Local Church" led by Bill Lamb, scheduled for March 6, 1979, was re-scheduled for October 18,1979.

Boat People. Mrs. Roe Brown, a member of First Baptist Church, Concord, explained that the Boat-People were refugees from Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia, who left their countries by boat. In 1979 there are 150,000 of these Boat-People without a home. Many are sick and need medical care. They need homes

and employment.

The Foreign Mission Board has authorized $50,000 to aid these refugees. The United States Government will pay their transportation to locations within the United States provided they have sponsors. This is where Baptists come in--to help place these families in homes and secure employment. They cannot enter the country without sponsors.

A motion came from the Missions Committee recommending that Cabarrus Baptist Association join together and sponsor two families of these refugees. This is all to be a voluntary venture of the churches. The motion was seconded and the motion was adopted.

June 18,1979. New Director of Missions is Called. In a special called session of the Executive Board, at Parkwood Baptist Church, Concord, Reverend Russell L. Willis, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina, was called to begin work as Director of Missions, effective August 1, 1979.

August 27,1979. Executive Board Meeting at Phaniels Baptist Church.

Raiford Troutman, chairman of the Missions Committee, suggested that we should now go ahead with securing a Christian Social Ministry Director and Chaplain for the Mt. Pleasant Prison Unit. (The matter had been tabled until we had secured a new Director of Missions. Item 10 (e) Executive Board, November 20,1978, Franklin Heights). A motion was made that we give the Personnel Committee the go-ahead in seeking out a Director of Social Ministries. The motion was seconded. After some discussion, and clarification, the motion was adopted.

The Chaplaincy Ministry at the Mount Pleasant Prison Unit has been slowed due to resignation of Reverend Bill Greenwood, pastor of Providence Baptist Church.

Reverend David Grogan, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, has resigned. There is $15,000 in savings in the church's name, held in trust by the Association. The Missions Committee recommends that $5,000 be transferred to a checking account for them to use. This would leave a balance in savings of $10,000. A motion was made that the recommendation be adopted. Seconded and carried.

WMU Director, Mrs. Archie Ritchie, Jr., reported: We have settled our two refugee families with the help of all the committees who served so well. There were some items of furniture and household goods left over. They have been stored in the Associational office building until a place of storage can be found. These items will be used as needed.

Missions Committee chairman: Raiford Troutman, reported: Jobs have been found for the two refugee families that have been settled in our area. Their

greatest need is transportation as they do not drive an automobile.

Proposed Chaplaincy at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital: Gerald Smith, pastor of Kerr Street Baptist Church, shared packets of materials containing information about the proposed chaplaincy at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital, with Executive Board Members at Phaniels Baptist Church, August 27, 1979.

October 29-30,1979. - Annual Meeting with Calvary, West Concord, and Rodgers Park Baptist Churches.

Ken Altom, pastor of Kannapolis First Baptist Church, made a motion that a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator before the next Executive Board Meeting, November 26, 1979, to study what efficient use could be made of the existing Missions office, and bring its findings to the 1980 Annual Meeting. His motion was duly seconded and carried.

The Moderator asked for a showing of hands of messengers who had attended the Annual Meeting for many years. He started with five years and ended with forty years. One man had attended for thirty-eight years.

Plaques of appreciation were presented to Mrs. Diane Cranford, Reverend Harry J. Moore, and Reverend Ralph Brunson for many years of faithful service to the Cabarrus Baptist Association.

Ken Altom, chairman of the Mutual Care Committee, made a motion that the Unity Baptist Church be accepted into full fellowship of the Association. The motion was seconded and carried.

Special Information: Mount Pleasant, First Baptist Church, commissioned a member of the church, Mrs. Mary Fink, to Foreign Mission Service.

November 26,1979. Executive Board Meeting at Poplar Grove Baptist Church.

Motion to rescind action on employing a Director of Christian Social Ministries. Robert W. Bailey, pastor of First Baptist Church, stated that he thought there were too many problems in Associations that had Social Ministry or other types of ministry in addition to the Director of Missions. Furthermore, I do not believe there is a need in our Association for this type ministry. Therefore, I make a motion that we rescind the action the Association took on employing a Director of Christian Social Ministries for the Cabarrus Baptist Association. (See item 8, Executive Board meeting at Phaniels on August 27,1979). The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion failed to carry.

A Team goes to Guatemala. A team of four people, two from our Association: Russell Willis, Director of Missions, and James Cook, Pitts Baptist Church, and two from outside the Association will go to Guatemala, November 27,1979, to assist in building a new addition

to the Missionary School in Quetzatenango.

Another team of Brotherhood and WMU workers will leave for Bermuda to assist in training workers for Brotherhood and WMU in January, 1980.

December 17,1979. A Special Called Session of the Executive Board at Brookdale Baptist Church. A special session was called to consider the Christian Social Ministries Program. Raiford Troutman, chairman of the Missions Committee, presented three persons to present three aspects of Christian Social Ministries, in an effort to show how we arrived at the place we are now in this program.

(1) Mrs. Archie Ritchie, Jr., stated she had interviewed Judge R.L. Warren concerning the juvenile offenders in our County. He named various ways in which lay persons could become invaluable. (2) Reverend James Pope, Christian Social Ministries Director, Central Baptist Association stated: "My definition of Christian Social Ministry is Christian love in action touching human need where it is..it is evangelism in the midst of crisis". (3) Reverend Jesse Yarbrough, Personnel Committee Chairman of our Association, showed some filmstrips of different needs throughout Cabarrus Baptist Association area - namely: ministry to alcoholics, unwed mothers, children of single parent households, drug abuse, etc. (item 4, Executive Board).

Mr. Troutman stated: "The Missions Committee is ready to move forward in the Christin Social Ministry if the churches of the Association want it. It is your program. Several others spoke.

Ken Altom, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, made a motion that in light of the discussion here tonight that we reaffirm our action already taken to begin a Christian Social Ministry program in our Association. The motion was seconded. A vote for secret ballot was called and the result was 29 for the motion and 26 against.

At this point, Russell L. Willis, Director of Missions, stated that it had been stated in the letter announcing this meeting that "there is a strong feeling that unless a broad base of support for Christian Social Ministries is indicated at this called meeting, the program will not be initiated at this time". As a result of the vote tonight I will recommend to the Missions Committee that we not initiate this program at this time.

February 25,1980. Executive Board Meeting at Southside Baptist Church.

A team goes to Bermuda. A team of workers from the Cabarrus Baptist Association went to Bermuda, January 5-14,1980, to assist in Brotherhood and WMU training clinics. The members of the team were: Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ritchie, Jr., Reverend and Mrs. J. Ed Hall,

Pitts Baptist Church, along with Mrs. Bill Brackett from Clover, South Carolina.

April 15, 1980. Forty-fifth Annual Session of WMU was held at West Concord Baptist Church.

August 25, 1980. Executive Board Meeting with Young Street Baptist Church.

Ken Altom, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, brought the following matter to our attention: Last year we ventured into a three year pilot Chaplaincy program for the Cabarrus Memorial Hospital. It began as an interdenominational agency. We have had excellent response to this program. About sixty applications were received for the position. Eighty percent were Southern Baptist men. The selection was narrowed to four men, all Baptist. Reverend Tony Biles, a Southern Baptist was the final selection. He accepted the call. Twenty-six of our Baptist Churches participated in this pilot program and I consider this as Missions. I make a motion that the Finance Committee and Missions Committee consider including some amount in our Associational budget for this work. The motion was seconded and carried.

Finance Committee Chairman, Claude Connell, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, reported that the Camp Committee has been working on the camp. There is a need for a building.

I make a motion that we allocate $10,000 to the Camp Committee to complete the building of a Service Building. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed and the motion carried.

October 27-28,1980 - Annual Meeting with McGill Avenue, Lakewood, and Mount Pleasant, First Baptist Churches.

Office Study Committee chairman, Reggie Rushing, asked that his committee remain intact for another year.

New Secretary: Russell Willis, Director of Missions, introduced the new secretary for the Associational Office, Mrs. Kenneth Dick, Bethlehem Baptist Church.

"M" Night - On a cold, wet night, November 17, 1980, "M" Night was held at Coldwater Baptist Church, with Mike Moore, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mooresville, as speaker. The attendance was 125.

New Van Purchased. Raiford Troutman, chairman of the Missions Committee, made a motion that we purchase either a Dodge Badger or a Plymouth Voyger van at a cost up to $12,000, to be let out to the churches to be on a mileage basis. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

Love Offering for Duard Murphy. The Missions Committee led in a love offering for Duard Murphy, staff member of Blackwelder Park Baptist Church. The Murphy's lost their home and personal property by fire.

A Clinic on "How to Build an Evangelistic Church" was held at Shadybrook Baptist Church, September 11, 1980 by Mark Corts, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Winston Salem. The night session was held at Wil-Mar Park Baptist Church and led by Alex Booth, Fruitland Bible Institute.

Special Information. Centerview Baptist Church celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary on September 7-14, 1980. North Kannapolis Baptist Church celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary on September 28, 1980.

April 26-29, 1981. World Mission Conference. Thirty Baptist Churches in the Cabarrus Baptist Association participated in a World Mission Conference, held in the Concord area.

April 30-May 3, 1981 World Mission Conferences were held in the Kannapolis area.

May 18,1981. Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Church, Kannapolis. Foreign Mission Board Commends Russell Willis. Raiford Troutman, chairman of the Missions Committee, read a letter of commendation of our Director of Missions, Russell L. Willis, written by Robert K. Bates of the Foreign Mission Board.

August 31, 1981. Executive Board Meeting at Roberta Baptist Church. Raiford Troutman, chairman of the Missions Committee, reported: Many requests have come to the Association for various family needs at times of special crisis within the county. Household furnishings have been offered to the Association, but we do not have storage. There is a building of approximately 1,000 square feet on Cabarrus Avenue, West, beside Dover's Super Market that is available. The Misions Committee recommends that the Cabarrus Baptist Association rent the building at 539 Cabarrus Avenue, West, on a month-to-month rental of $75.00 per month. He moved the recommendation be accepted. It was seconded and carried.

Camp Opens Summer of 1981. Russell L. Willis, Director of Missions, reported the camp was opened during this summer. There were Day Camps as well as other groups using the camp.

Finance Committee Chairman, Nick Judkins, stated that the Day Camp Committee needs $7,500 overwrite in order to get through the year. The money, we recommend to come from our checking account, or if needed, our pass-book savings account. He moved this recommendation be adopted. It was seconded, discussion followed. The motion carried.

Missions Committee Chairman, Raiford Troutman, stated: "A Beer and Wine Referendum is scheduled for November 31, 1981. It will be county-wide. The county vote is very important to assist in keeping the county dry. There is a need for an organized program

opposing the referendum.

The Missions Committee recommends that the Cabarrus Baptist Association invite the help of the Christian Action League or other appropriate organization to lead the citizens of Cabarrus County in opposing the legalization of the sale of beer and wine across the county. He moved the recommendation be accepted. It received a second. There was discussion. The motion carried.

Mr. Troutman reported the van had been purchased recently at an approximate cost of $11,000. The Asociaitonal van is being used by the churches. At the present time it is used almost forty percent of the time.

October 26-27,1981 - Annual Meeting with North Kannapolis, Royal Oaks, and Pitts Baptist Churches.

Resolution Committee: Be it resolved, that we as messengers to the Forty-eighth Annual Session of the Cabarrus Baptist Association, meeting October 26,1981, at Pitts Baptist Church, go on record against the passage of the beer and wine proposal in the November third referendum and that we urge our people to vote against this proposal.

Executive Board Report: Our Associational camp is now ready for use by all of our churches. The grading has been completed, rest room facilities are available and a shelter has been erected.

Special Information: Judy Honbarrier, RN, a member of Jackson Park Baptist Church, was appointed a Foreign Missionary to Ghana, West Africa.

First Baptist Church, Midland, celebrated their 100th Anniversary. Young Street Baptist Church celebrated their 50th Anniversary on September 20, 1981.

November 30,1981. Executive Board Meeting at Parkwood Baptist Church. New Secretary. Russell L. Willis, Director of Missions, announced a new secretary had been hired for the Associational Office. Mrs. Nelda Donahue, a member at Royal Oaks Baptist Church.

May 24, 1982. Executive Board Meeting at Calvary Baptist Church. Our Association engaged in a Simultaneous Revival April 4-11, 1982, called "Here's Hope". Forty-two of our churches were involved.

October 25-26,1982. - Annual Meeting with Centerview, Miami, and Skyland Baptist Churches.

Missions Committee: A Facility Study Committee appointed through the Missions Committee, at the present time reports to the Missions Committee. We recommend that this committee be authorized to report directly to the Executive Board instead. A motion was made that this be adopted. It was seconded and the motion carried.

Facilities Study Committee, Chairman, Eugene Hunsinger, pastor of First Baptist Church, Concord gave a report for affirmation only. The committee has met on several occasions, and after some long and serious study of the options, it was unanimous consensus of the group that the feasibility of relocating the Associational Office be studied in detail. The following guidelines were set for the study: (1) Future location would not be more than six to eight blocks from the hospital. (2) Ample ground for parking and future expansion must be provided. (3) Easy access to the site from both the Kannapolis and Concord areas, plus easy access from and return to Interstate 85. (4) The price of the land must be within reasonable limits. With these guidelines firmly in place, the committee began to survey building and vacant property. Most available property failed to meet at least one of the guidelines. The most encountered problem was the price of the land.

Two locations are presently under study that would meet the guidelines. However, it should be said emphatically that no decision on location has been made by the committee. Your committee plans to visit other Associations that have recently relocated in order to view their buildings and review their evaluation of their new facilities. Be assured that the committee will keep the churches of the Association fully informed of its work. No firm action will be taken without a called Session of the Association.

Special Information. Southside Baptist Church observed their Fiftieth Anniversary in November, 1982.

December 6, 1982. Executive Board Meeting at First Baptist Church, Concord.

Ken Altom, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, and Chairman of the Missions Committee, made this timely statement: "We need to take a look at where we are right now within our county. With so many new people living here now, we need to get behind the Brotherhood and WMU and "Look on the Fields". We need to have some bold vision of a BOLD MISSION. If we do we will see some church extensions in our Association.

February 21, 1983. Executive Board Meeting with First Baptist Church, Concord. Russell L. Willis, Director of Missions, reported: Social Ministries in our Association is flourishing. Robert H. Honeycutt, pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church, is supervising the work and it requires much of his time.

Ken Altom, co-chairman of the Missions Committee, made a motion jointly by the Missions Committee, Finance Committee, and Facilities Study Committee: "I move that $95,000 of the present reserve be designated "Building Fund" and that the Facilities Study

Committee seek a building site and have access to the "Building Fund" monies in an amount not to exceed $3,000 for engineering studies to determine the suitability of the proposed site. This is a unanimous recommendation by these committees. The motion was seconded. He then spoke to the motion. The motion carried.

May 23,1983. Executive Board Meeting with Memorial Baptist Church.

Ralph Hartsell, chairman of the Special Studies Facilities Committee, brought the following recommendation: I move that the Executive Board of the Cabarrus Baptist Association recommend to the Association in a special called meeting the following action: (1) That the property consisting of lots 21-22 in the LePhillip Office Park (in Concord) be purchased at the combined price of $78,000. (2) That the time and place of the called meeting shall be determined by the Moderator and the required notice be given to the churches by special meeting. (3) That the Trustees of the Cabarrus Baptist Association be instructed to pursue the closing of this transaction as early as feasible following a satisfactory soil engineering report. (4) That a Building Committee, composed of nine (9) persons be appointed by the Moderator in consultation with the Facilities Study Committee. The motion was seconded. The recommendation was adopted.

Robert Leonard, pastor at Southside Baptist Church, and chairman of the Christian Social Ministries Committee, brought the following: (1) I move that the name for the Christian Social Ministries building be changed from "Helping Hands" to the "Baptist Sharing House". The motion was seconded and adopted. (2) I move that the Social Ministries Committee have permission to list among "needs" for the Baptist Sharing House monies that can be used to buy food and for items of special need. The motion was seconded and carried.

June 21, 1983. A Special Called Session of the Cabarrus Baptist Association, at Royal Oaks Baptist Church.

Ralph Hartsell, Chairman, Facilities Study Committee, presented the recommendation from the Executive Board of March 23, 1983.

The Executive Board of the Cabarrus Baptist Association recommends to the Association the following:

(1) That the property consisting of lots 21-22 in the LePhillip Office Park be purchased at the combined price of $78,000. (2) That the Trustees of the Cabarrus Baptist Association be instructed to pursue the closing of this transaction as early as feasible following a satisfactory soil engineering report. (3)

That a Building Committee, composed of nine (9) persons be appointed by the Moderator in consultation with the Facilities Study Committee.

Size of lots: 240 feet frontage, 271 feet left side, 293 feet right side, and 240 feet, rear.

Utilities: City water, sewer and electricity.

Mr. Hartsell made a motion that this recommendation be adopted. It was seconded. The Director of Missions showed some slides of the property in question. Discussion followed. A vote was taken. The motion was defeated.

August 29, 1983. Executive Board Meeting at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

J. Ed Hall, pastor of Pitts Baptist Church, brought the following recommendation from the Facilities Study Committee: We recommend that the Facilities Study Committee be expanded to no less than eighteen and no more than twenty-one members. This expanded committee to make recommendations at a later date. The motion was seconded and carried.

Purchase of additional property. Russell L. Willis, Director of Missions spoke to the Executive Board: "First, let me give a background for what I want to say to you tonight. The Cabarrus Baptist Association is the eighth largest in the State. We started our Associational program with a residence and office combined, the office in the front room of the building. The property next door was purchased for a parking lot. We have seven window air conditioners in the building. One central air unit would be much cheaper to operate than seven. City guidelines prohibit certain changes in both the present building and parking lot. Our programs have advanced. Before they can advance any further there will have to be some changes.

In the Facilities Study Committee guidelines there is a misunderstanding-- lots for consideration for relocating the Mission office had to be within those guidelines.

Here is some information for your consideration tonight. The old house adjoining our present parking lot is available at $31,900. It is listed for tax purposes in excess of $30,000. However, the Building and Loan has contacted us and offered to sell us this property for $34,500 which is the balance owed by the defaulting party.

The Missions Committee and the Facilities Study Committee unanimously recommend that we purchase this property while it is available. This does not remove the responsibility of the Facilities Study Committee to do an adequate study of the needs".

A motion was made that the recommendation be adopted and the property in question be purchased.

The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

October 24-25, 1983 - Annual Meeting with Southside, West Point, and Glorieta Churches.

Fletcher Hartsell, Jr. brought a recommendation from the Facilities Study Committee asking the Association for authority to secure an option on any property that may become available until it can be brought before the Association for consideration. The amount not to exceed $3,000. J. Ed Hall then made a motion to that effect. The motion was seconded. Mr. Hartsell explained in more detail the idea behind the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

Special Information. Bright Light Baptist Church contributed money to help construct a Children's Home in Puerto Rico. First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, observed their Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

November 22, 1983. Executive Board Meeting with Royal Oaks Baptist Church.

A Progress report on Facilities Study Committee: The sub-committee has exercised an option on a piece of property on Highway 29, presently the Food Mart property. It is listed at a value of $165,000. The sub-committee met with the owner and offered $135,000. The owner wants $150,000. Our offer is for that amount with $89,000 cash, $65,000 to be financed at ten percent. We paid an option of $1,000 and will have a period of 120 days to decide.

February 20, 1984. Executive Board Meeting at Shadybrook Baptist Church.

J. Ed Hall, gave a report on the Facilities Study Committee for information only. Our committee has made an offer of $135,000 for the property on Highway 29. This offer was refused. The asking price is $165,000. We think the property is worth it. We met last Sunday and voted to pursue this piece of property at $165,000.

May 21, 1984. Executive Board Meeting with Poplar Grove Baptist Church.

ACTS in the Association. Reverend Ray Pennell, pastor of North Kannapolis, acting for Clyde Hawkins, chairman of the committee to study the feasibility of the ACTS (American Christian Television System) for our Association, brought the following recommendation: I move: (1) That the Cabarrus Baptist Association contract with the Radio and Television Commission to provide American Christian Television System (ACTS) to the Cabarrus Association geographical area. (2) That satellite receiving equipment be purchased from the Radio and Television Commission, and that an amount not to exceed $12,000 be taken from present reserve funds. This amount to be repaid from enrollment fees. (3) That enrollment be open to member churches who maintain an unrestricted amount contribution of not

less than $200 to the Cabarrus Baptist Association and $400 to the Cooperative Program. (4) That a one-time enrollment fee of $4500 be paid by each church participating in the ACTS program. Each participating church to have one member on the Board and that the Director of Missions of the Cabarrus Baptist Association also be a member. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

Brotherhood Report: Our churches under the leadership of the Baptist Men played an important role in the Tornado Disaster Relief during the Spring of 1984, caused by a Tornado that swept through some of South Carolina and North Carolina.

Report on Bid for Property. J. Ed Hall, chairman of the Facilities Study Committee, reported that his committee made a bid on the property on Highway 29 for $165,000 but we did not get the property, so we will keep looking for other property.

October 29-30, 1984. - Annual Meeting with Enochville First, Poplar Grove, and Kannapolis First Baptist Churches.

General Board Report: One of the highlights of the Associational year for Cabarrus Baptists has been making provision for the American Christian Television System (ACTS) to be available to churches in our geographical area. To enroll, a one-time fee of $500 for each participating church is required.

The Sunday School reported that fifteen churches participated in an Associational Sunday School Enlargement Campaign, April 7-15, 1984.

Special Information: Bright Light Baptist Church contributed $1,000 to the Central Cabarrus Bible Club and $2,000 to the support of a Children's Home in Puerto Rico.

Concord First Baptist Church, ordained two women for the deaconship.

Mark Bumgardner, son of Jackson Park's pastor, was commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board as a Journeyman to Antigua.

First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, observed their Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

McGill Avenue Baptist Church ordained two women as deacons, the first women ever elected.

Executive Board Changes Name.

November 26, 1984. General Board Meeting with Parkwood Baptist Church. The Executive Board name has been changed to General Board in order to bring it in line with the purpose in the Association.

The Facilities Study Committee of 21 are still looking for appropriate property on which to build a new Associational Office Building. More space is needed. Pray with us that we will find it.

February 25, 1985. General Board Meeting with Eastwood Baptist Church. The Director of Missions,

Russell Willis, informed us that the Cable Network was ready to show ACTS, but the unwillingness lies in the corporate level. A request was made from Mr. Melton for the number of churches and enrollment of members in the Association.

May 20, 1985. A Special Called Meeting of the Association, meeting at McGill Avenue. Reverend Victor Trivette, pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church, and co-chairman of the Facilities Study Committee made the following motion: I make a motion that the trustees of the Cabarrus Baptist Association be authorized to purchase real property located in the City of Concord, County of Cabarrus, State of North Carolina, being known as and more particularly described as number 1549 Ridge Avenue. House and land approximately 4.92 acres for the sum of $50,000 contingent upon completion of appropriate re-zoning for purpose of construction of an office of the Cabarrus Baptist Association and further contingent upon the property's sanitary sewage septic purposes. The motion was seconded by Jim Cox. Russell Willis, Director of Missions, was asked to explain the information sent out prior to the meeting and to answer any questions. Discussion followed and the question was called . The vote was taken and the motion carried.

August 26,1985. General Board Meeting with Centerview Baptist Church.

The Director of Missions, Russell Willis, announced that the proposed property purchase was vetoed because of septic tank problems. The Health Department would not okay additional septic tanks and the present one on the property was not working adequately. The Facilities Study Committee is still studying possible sites and will bring a report in the future.

October 28-29, 1985. - Annual Meeting with Calvary, Brookdale, and Oak Ridge Baptist Churches.

The Freddie Gage Crusade was held in the Association, June 16-21, 1985, with 988 decisions, 546 for salvation, 311 re-dedications, and 131 others such as letter, etc.

Brotherhood Report: During December, 1984, fourteen Baptist Men's groups participated in "Help the Needy" project by winterizing homes, cutting firewood, delivering grocery bags, and providing some clothing.

Partnership Evangelism Campaign: The Director of Missions, Russell Willis, reported that during March 8-18, 1985, fifty-nine people participated in a Partnership Evangelism Campaign in Guatemala. Thirty-nine went from our Association. Over 600 decisions that resulted in baptisms were made during those days of revival (We voted to participate in the

Partnership Evangelism Project, which turned out to be Guatemala, with the Foreign Mission Board).

Special Information: First Baptist Church, Concord, re-located from the downtown area to 200 Branchview Drive, SE., in July, 1985.

West Point Baptist Church in Kannapolis, observed their Fiftieth Anniversary, July 28, 1985.

Jackson Park member, Judy Honbarrier, Missionary to Ghana and William E. McCall, Missionary to Togo, were united in marriage at Jackson Park Baptist Church, on August 17, 1985. They will return to serve together in Lome, Togo, on September 26, 1985.

November 25, 1985. General Board Meeting with Kerr Street Baptist Church. The Director of Missions reported: He would be meeting with the Health Department to check about further testing on the property the Association is interested in.

A Second trip to Guatemala: is being planned for November, 1986. We need 18 persons with skills of trade level, brick and block layers, etc. for construction of a new Baptist Church building in Guatemala. A motion was made that we set this as our goal. It was seconded and carried.

February 24, 1986. General Board Meeting with Calvary Baptist Church.

Charity Baptist Church seeks Re-admittance. Reverend A.G. Ferris, chairman of the Mutual Care Committee, reported that Charity Baptist Church, Mount Pleasant, has made a written request for permission to participate in the ministry of the Cabarrus Baptist Association pending the action taken by a vote during the next Annual Meeting, October 27-28, 1986. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

Liquor-by-the-Drink. The Finance Chairman, J. Ed Hall, brought a recommendation from his committee that we give $500 to the Citizen's for Better Choice group to help fight liquor-by-the-drink referendum in the City of Concord, March 18, 1986. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Director of Missions was asked about the status of the property that the Facilities Study Committee was interested in. He stated that after thorough testings of the ground on the property we sought to purchase (the one next to the 4.92 acres on Ridge Avenue) that it will not perk. Therefore the property will be of no value to the Association.

March 23-30, 1986. Report from the Director of Missions: Thirty-two churches participated in the GOOD NEWS AMERICA SIMULTANEOUS REVIVALS.
We had eighty-six professions of faith reported, nine moved their letters. A total of 7,440 copies of the New Testament were distributed by the churches.

May 6, 1986. - Annual Meeting of the WMU with

Franklin Heights Baptist Church.

Woman's Missionary Union celebrated their 50th Anniversary in the Cabarrus Baptist Association. Women who had been in WMU for 50 years or more were recognized. Pastors introduced their respective members and each lady was given an opportunity to say a few words.

Missionary speakers were: Dr. Larry Phillips, Lima, Peru, and Mrs. Otis (Martha) Brady, Belize.

Executive Committee Meeing, August 7, 1986. A letter of resignation from Harry Moore, Associational Clerk was received and will be presented to the next General Board Meeting. A motion was made to ask each church in the Association for a contribution in honor of Mr. Moore's faithful service. A goal of $2300 was set. One hundred dollars for each year of service.

Mr. Moore has recently spent many hours working on a history of the Association. A motion was made to present him with an honorarium of $500 for compiling the history of Cabarrus Baptist Association.

August 25, 1986. General Board Meeting at North Kannapolis Baptist Church.

Resignation of Associational Clerk: Reverend Harry Moore, who has served as Associational clerk for 23 years has resigned due to poor health. Appreciation was expressed for his dedicated service to Cabarrus Baptist Association for these many years. Mr. and Mrs. Moore recently compiled a history of the Association for the past 50 years. It is presently being typed and we hope to have copies for the Annual Meeting in October.

SECTION THREE

ANNUAL DEDICATIONS

IN MEMORY OF

1963-	Dr. Erbert Snyder Summers Reverend Thompson Cornelius Stallings
1964-	Reverend Rex Wilson West
1969-	Reverend Robert "Bob" F. Gardner
1974-	Reverend Horace V. Kinney
1977-	Charles C. Coffey, M.Div., LL.D
1980-	Reverend Floyd R. Willis

IN HONOR OF

1952-	E. S. Summers, DD (Our first Moderator)
1972-	Reverend and Mrs. Thurman W. Allred
1986-	Reverend Harry J. Moore

A SHORT HISTORY OF FIVE OF THE OLDEST BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE CABARRUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

(They are recorded according to their age)

COLDWATER

OLDEST BAPTIST CHURCH IN CABARRUS AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES

Among the early settlers in Cabarrus County were some Welsh-English Baptists who settled on Coldwater Creek, a tributary of Rocky River.

From this group eventually came the Coldwater Baptist Church. Coldwater history goes back a long way. According to the "Annual Register of the Baptist Denomination in North America" which was written by him, in 1790 John Asplund, came to Mecklenburg County (as it was then) and found one church of forty members, the Coldwater Baptist Church, a member of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association, headed by James McCabe.

In December 1791 messengers from Coldwater; Levi Corzine, Nicholas Corzine, and George Ross, attended a Union Meeting at Eaton's Baptist Church in Davie County.

William McGraw in May 1819, made a deed to the Baptist Congregation or Society on the Charleston Road and the West side of Coldwater Creek. The cost of the property was $4.00.

A DIVISION AMONG THE MEMBERS

During 1819 a division arose in the church. The majority held to what is known as "Hard Shells" and claimed the property.

During this time the church was affiliated with the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association, reporting a membership of thirty-five at the Annual Meeting of 1839.

In 1863 a revival was held in the community by Reverend Joe McClure and Reverend Silas Fincher, Missionary Baptists from Union County assisted by Davis and Whitehead. The church was organized at this time. Most of them were Missionary Baptists, and the church belonged to the Brown Creek Association reporting a membership of twenty-three in 1868. By 1870 Coldwater had joined the Rocky River Association, remaining in it for fifteen years.

The Hard Shell Church objected to the Missionary Church using the house of worship and in 1880 locked

the doors. This led the Missionary group to worship at the house of J. C. Corzine until 1884, when W. J. Brafford, J. W. Fisher, and J. C. Corzine bought a one acre lot on Camden Road from the Trustees of the Bear Creek Association for thirty-five dollars. From 1886 to the present day the church first known as Coldwater, then Old Field, again became Coldwater, has been Missionary Baptist.

When the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Missionary Baptist Association organized in 1886 they met with Coldwater. In order to enlarge the cemetery the church added another acre to the property in 1903.

From 1904-1914 no church records in any detail were kept. From 1914-1927 the doors of the church were closed. The building was reopened in 1927 and they called Reverend Mangum Luther Ross as pastor.

The depression years were a time of growth for the church which had fifty-one members.

When the Cabarrus Missionary Baptist Association was organized on October 8, 1935, Coldwater joined.

On November 30, 1947, a Baptist Training Union and Vacation Bible School were organized. They already had a Brotherhood and WMU.

The present church building, surrounded by a well-kept cemetery, was built in 1955, during Reverend Farrell L. Shimpock's tenure.

Mount Carmel Baptist Church is a mission out of Coldwater.

It was a sad day in Coldwater's history when on August 13, 1967, because of disappointment over differences of beliefs, a large number of the members were given their letters of dismission. This group later formed another church.

The church's fellowship building was completed in April, 1986 under Ray Harrington's pastorate.

The present pastor is Reverend Billy Freeman.

--Excerpts of "A Short History of Coldwater Baptist Church of Cabarrus County North Carolina" by Amnaris Faggart Miller. Used by permission.

HOWELL'S BAPTIST CHURCH, MIDLAND, NORTH CAROLINA

SECOND OLDEST - 1857
(Oldest Church with Continuous Operation)

Special credit is given to Miss Letha Snyder of Concord, for much of the historical material found in this writing.

In the year 1850, August 11, fifty-two signatures were affixed to the following record. "Wea the under signers promise to pay the sums annext our names for the purpose of building a Missionary Baptist Church at or near the Howell's schoolhouse."

On June 11, 1853 the following record. "Wea the undersigned do pay the sums annext our names for the support of the Gospel at a school house near Mr. Joseph Howell's to bea paid by the first of September next for the labors of last year and this year by J. M. Garrison." This record has eighteen signatures.

The first church building was built of logs and served as the beginning church for Missionary Baptist in Cabarrus County.

Another distinguishing first in Cabarrus County took place when Mr. Jacob Monroe McCurdy was the first person to be baptised in the county as a Missionary Baptist, after having joined Howell's Church in 1853. Note that the church was known at this time as Garrison Baptist, but was changed to Howell's four years after this event. In 1880, this man was ordained to the ministry, after having preached as a "Licentiate" for many years.

A deed of trust dated the seventeenth of August, 1854, between Joseph Howell and Jacob McCurdy, agent for Garrison Baptist Church was recorded. "Witnessed that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of twelve dollars to him paid in hand, paid by said party of the second part." The original property consisted of about three and a quarter acres.

"Following the transfer of this property, plans were made for a more adequate house of worship. Lumber was hauled from Stanly County on an old "tar" wagon drawn by four horses. It is believed that this church building was not completed and occupied until the year 1857, at which time the name of the church was changed to Howell's Missionary Baptist Church to honor the name of the one from whom the land was acquired."

The early ministers serving the church had to come quite a distance. Some of these early pastors were: Thomas Mason, Camden, South Carolina; E. David, James M. Garrison, Fort Mill, South Carolina; John S. Croxton, Lancaster, South Carolina; and A. L. Stough, Troy, North Carolina.

The War Between the States, and the reconstruction period, presented many difficulities in every endeavor, but the Missionary Baptists remained faithful, even through the many hardships. This may be seen in excerpts from a letter to the Moriah Baptist Association of which the date is uncertain, but sometime during these years. "The Howell's Baptist Church of Jesus Christ to the Moriah Baptist Association sendeth Christian salutations. Dear Brethren; it is with pleasure we hail the approach of another anniversary of our association when we hope to meet you by letter and by delegates in association capacity."

At the writing of this letter to Moriah Association, Reverend E. C. Williams had been serving as pastor for seven years, "serving without price to the church." Also, "We have absented the second Sabbath as a day of prayer for our soldiers and our cause, and brethren, we hope that all will continue to plead with God for His blessings on us and our cause." The names of the two delegates to the Associational meeting were named: "We have delegated our beloved brethren to sit with you. J. M. McCordy and J. M. Howell."

In 1874, Reverend W. W. Johnson was pastor and the church membership was thirty-four. From 1874 to 1891, according to records available, efforts on the part of the members of Howell's Baptist Church resulted in the organization of the First Baptist Church of Concord, North Carolina, and according to the minutes of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association which met in 1888, the Reverend Jacob M. McCurdy of Howell's Church, gave the first dollar to the cause.

Beginning in 1891 a church conference was held on Saturday before the second Sunday of each month. The church was very strict in its discipline, and often, members were excluded from fellowship with the church for failing to live according to Christian principles. However, they were gladly restored when they came asking forgiveness for their mistakes.

Reverend J. W. Griffin was pastor in 1891, but little is know of his work.

In 1896, Reverend C. J. Black was called as pastor and served the church until 1906. Two additional acres of land were purchased, and the present church building was erected. When this building was completed, the church indebtedness was only 75¢. On completion of the building, the Sunday School, which was organized in 1869, was re-organized with D. W. Garmon as superintendent.

From 1896 until 1933, very little is known about the church. From 1933 to 1939, Reverend C. E. Baucom was pastor. The B.Y.U. received much emphasis during his pastorate. On December 20, 1936, a Constitution

and By-Laws were approved. This business was moderated by Reverend Baucom, and was presented by the drafting committee consisting of J. F. Vanderburg, Chairman; J. F. Little, and D. J. Dorton, with Mr. Dorton serving as clerk.

In 1940, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stallings gave a parcel of land to the church. Reverend J. A. Seymore served the church from 1940 until 1942.

In June 1951 the first Vacation Bible School was started and in 1954, the property adjoining the church was purchased for the purpose of building a pastorium, but work was not started on the building until after Reverend A. B. Cranford was called as pastor in 1954.

Around 1960, under the leadership of Reverend Hermon Green, two rooms used by the Juniors and Primaries were added, and the building bricked.

In 1966, during the pastorate of Reverend Raiford Cook, land was purchased on Highway 601 for a new pastorium.

This project was completed in 1968. Reverend V. D. Phillips was the first minister to occupy it.

In 1971, Reverend James F. Hartis became pastor and new carpet was installed in the church sanctuary, and the pews were re-finished.

In 1973, a fellowship hall with Sunday School facilities, kitchen, and space for social activities was added to the church.

In 1976, new lighting fixtures and heating and air conditioning were installed in the sanctuary, donated by Mrs. Nancy Beaty. Also, the parking lot and drive were paved, new shrubs were set out, these contributed by Mr.and Mrs. Hayden Vanderburg.

In 1977, the pews in the sanctuary were padded and preparations were made by the Brotherhood, W.M.U. and the B.Y.W. for a playground area.

In summary of the history of a Grand Old Church, Howell's Baptist, the words of Miss Letha Snyder: "It is true that as in all organizations, there have been through the years, periods of discouragement and differences, but the faith and courage found in the first group of Missionary Baptist (at Howell's Baptist Church), has continued to live in the descendents of these sainted people."

--Excerpts from a Pictorial Directory, "A History of Howell's Baptist Church." Used by permission.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MIDLAND, NORTH CAROLINA

THIRD OLDEST - 1881

First Baptist Church of Midland was organized in 1881 by request of Elder R. H. James with 19 charter members. The church was named "Chaney's Grove Stand". Reverend James serve as the first pastor. Of the thirty-seven pastors and interim pastors from 1881 to 1979, Reverend James served on three different occasions as did Reverend A. C. Davis. Reverend J. S. Harris served on two different occasions.

Value of the church property in 1918 was $1500. Final payment on the communion set was made in March, 1923. It is believed the church bell was purchased as early as 1922. It was moved from the front of the church to the back at an unknown date and in 1979 the bell was again moved to the front of the church.

On the first Sunday in October, 1922, the name of Chaney Hill Baptist Church was changed to First Baptist Church of Midland. The church was bricked in 1942. The parsonage was built in 1957 at an approximate cost of $14,000. An organ fund was started in November, 1958. The Educational Building was built in 1[illegible] at a cost of $8,000. The new front was built to [illegible] church at a cost of $8,000 in 1960. In November, 1[illegible] it was approved to pay the pastor's fuel and phone b[illegible]s including all long distance calls other than perso[illegible]l. Five and four tenths acres of land was purchas[illegible] in 1964 from Lon Chaney, Jr., for the new cemetery, [illegible]t a cost of $1620.

An activity [illegible]s was bought in September of 1964 at a cost of $500. The Fellowship Hall next door to the church was purchased in 1965 for $10,825. The price included seven acres of land. In July 1972, air conditioning was installed in the parsonage and in August 1972, a water filter was installed at the church. November 1972, walk-ways for the new cemetery were poured. In March 1973, a new activity bus was purchased for $1300.

The remodeling of the church in 1974 was completed at a cost of $39,669.50 and the value of the church property for 1975, including the pastor's home, was $125,000.

Reverend Davis became interim pastor in 1976. Reverend Ronald Helms accepted a call to the church in September 1977. A new parsonage was built next door to the fellowship hall in 1978 at a cost of $46,000. A new van was bought for church activities in 1978 at a cost of $6200. Estimated value of church property and church parsonage for 1979 was $200,000.

A new Fellowship Building was built in 1982 at a cost of approximately $40 to $50,000.

Information from: Pictorial Directory, 1979

HOWELL'S BAPTIST CHURCH, MIDLAND, NORTH CAROLINA

SECOND OLDEST - 1857

OLDEST CHURCH WITH CONTINUOUS OPERATION

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MIDLAND, NORTH CAROLINA

THIRD OLDEST - 1881

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA

FOURTH OLDEST - 1886

First Baptist Church, Concord, North Carolina, was organized October 26, 1886 (some say October 29, 1886). Reverend W. R. Gwaltney, DD served as Moderator and Reverend A. G. McManaway preached the sermon.

The congregation used the Courthouse to meet in for awhile. Reverend George P. Bostic was the first pastor.

A Sunday School was organized in the home of Major A. J. Dodamead on the corner of what is now Cabarrus Avenue, West and Spring Street, N.W.

The next pastor was Reverend J. D. Newton who resigned to become a Foreign Missionary to China. During Mr. Newton's tenure a building seating 250 people was erected on the corner of Grove Street and Spring Street. In January 1889, the first worship service was held in the new building with fifty-five members of "Concord Baptist Church" in attendance.

J. O. Alderman was called as pastor in 1892 and for the next three years the church membership doubled.

In 1898 the Concord Baptist Church became "The First Baptist Church."

Reverend Lacy B. Hoge became pastor in 1898 and under his leadership a neighboring band of Baptists were organized as the "Second Baptist Church," now known as the McGill Avenue Baptist Church.

During World War I (1914-1918) Reverend George V. Tilley served as pastor.

In 1924 a new Sanctuary was built on the same location during the pastorate of Reverend Graham A. Martin, DD.

The church did not prosper during the depression years, but from 1930-1952, during the pastorate of Reverend E. S. Summers, it did. During this time the church was instrumental in the organization of Young Street (1930), Pitts (1943) and Immanuel (1951).

From 1953-1960 Reverend Thurman B. Stone was the pastor and the Church built a new Educational Plant and acquired a new parsonage on South Union Street.

Reverend Howard G. Dawkins filled the pastorate from 1961-1967. It was during this time a new parsonage on Claymont Street was constructed. The Church organized the Providence Baptist Mission, Harrisburg.

From 1968-1974 Reverend Jack Hill served as pastor. It was during this time that an eighteen acre site was purchased on what is now Branchview Drive, S.E.

Dr. Robert W. Bailey served as pastor from 1975-1980. Dr. E. Eugene Hunsinger, the present pastor, came to First Baptist Church in 1981.

In July 1985, the Church moved from the corner of Grove Avenue and Spring Street to 200 Branchview Drive, S.E. in a beautiful educational plant with a temporary Sanctuary.

--Taken from "Historic Highlights of First Baptist Church, Concord, North Carolina" and used by permission.

PHANIELS BAPTIST CHURCH, ROCKWELL, NORTH CAROLINA
FIFTH OLDEST - 1896

It all began on the first of September, 1896, when Reverend J. J. Payseur, J. C. Denny, and Henry Helms, organized Phaniels Baptist Church, Rockwell, North Carolina, in the Phaniels community, with twenty-two charter members. They elected the following officers:

J. M. Funderburk - Clerk

John L. Yost - Treasurer

Z. W. Roseman, John Yost, and James Yost - Deacons

September 17, 1897, land was purchased containing the Phaniels Lutheran Church building from Jacob A. Smith and Jacob P. Goodman. On the same day the church joined the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Missionary Baptist Association. Services were held twice a month.

In 1903, Phaniels joined the South Yadkin Baptist Association. The Baptist Young People Union was started in 1923.

When in 1927 the Rowan Baptist Association was

organized, the church joined that Association and remained in it until 1961, when the Church joined the Cabarrus Baptist Association.

It was during the pastorate of Reverend J. W. Buckner on May 7, 1939, that the Church voted to build a new Sanctuary. Reverend Buckner donated the first $5.00.

Construction began in 1941. The first service was held in the new building in June 1942. Reverend H. T.Davis was pastor.

The Church indebtedness was paid off and a Dedication Service was held in November, 1944.

The first full time pastor was Reverend J. C. Hill.

The first Vacation Bible School was held in 1947, and in 1948 a Woman's Missionary Union was formed, in 1949 a Brotherhood was started under the leadership of Reverend F. P. Blankenship.

Additional property was acquired in 1953.

The present building was remodeled and an educational building built in 1963-1964 during the tenure of Reverend H. G. Barnes.

--Information taken from "Pictorial Directory 1975."

From 1972-1985 under the leadership of Reverend James Allen, a Fellowship Hall was built, the parking lot paved, and the Auditorium was remodeled.

During the history of Phaniels Baptist Church seventeen preachers have come out of our church.

--Information furnished by Reverend James Allen.

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

CABARRUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FIRST
1953-1960

Reverend R. T. Greene began his work with the Association on May 1, 1953. He resigned in 1960 to become the Secretary of the Relief and Annuity work with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in Raleigh.

At the close of the Executive Committee Meeting in June 1960, Reverend Henry Register, Moderator, presented the R.T. Greene's a gift from the Executive Committee and spoke briefly of his outstanding work since being with the Cabarrus Baptist Association.

SECOND
1960-1962

In a called meeting of the Cabarrus Baptist Association, June 20, 1960, Reverend A. T. Greene, Jr. was called to be our Associational Missionary. He accepted stating he would be on the field by August 1, 1960.

On October 29, 1962, he resigned to accept the work as Director of Direct Missions for the South Carolina Baptist State Convention. His resignation to become effective as of December 30, 1962.

The Executive Committee on November 19, 1962 voted to give a gift to Reverend and Mrs. Greene as a going away gift of appreciation.

THIRD
1963-1965

A call to become our third Associational Missionary, was extended to Reverend E. C. Watson, at a Special Called session of the Cabarrus Baptist Association, meeting with First Baptist Church, Concord on January 4, 1963.

Mr. Watson accepted the call promising to be on the field sometime around the first or middle of March, 1963.

Mr. Watson resigned, according to the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting with Wil-Mar Park Church, September 27, 1965, with his resignation becoming effectivve October 10, 1965, (One record says October 15, 1965) to be associated with the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Executive Committee gave the Watson's as a going away gift of appreciation, a dryer.

FOURTH
1966-1972

The Moderator called a Special Session of the Cabarrus Baptist Association for December 27, 1965, and presented Reverend Thurman W. Allred a call to become our Director of Missions.

He accepted the invitation and promised to be on the field by February 1, 1966.

During the Annual Meeting, October 23, 1972, Mr. Allred tendered his resignation to become a Consultant in the Church Ministry Section of the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, with offices in Nashville, Tennessee. His resignation to become effective December 31, 1972.

The 1972 Annual was dedicated to Reverend and Mrs. Thurman W. Allred.

A reception was held for Reverend and Mrs. Allred by the Cabarrus Baptist Association on December 10, 1972, at Kerr Street Baptist Church. The churches contributed a love gift to the Allreds in the sum of $595.31.

FIFTH
1974-1979

On March 14, 1974, the Moderator called the Association for a Special meeting to recommend Reverend George E. Shore to become Director of Missions.

Mr. Shore accepted the call and came May 1, 1974. On May 19, 1974, a reception for the Shore family was held at the Associational parsonage.

At the Executive Board meeting with Franklin Heights Baptist Church, November 20, 1978, Mr. Shore tendered his resignation effective January 31, 1979. He had accepted a new Baptist State Convention position working with the Associational Directors over the State.

A farewell to the Shores was said during a fellowship hour given the Shores on Sunday, January 28, 1979.

SIXTH
1979-

Dr. Russell L. Willis was recommended as our new Director of Missions in the Executive Board meeting at Parkwood Baptist Church, June 18, 1979.

Dr. Willis accepted the call saying he would be

on the field by August 1, 1979.

A reception was given for Dr. and Mrs. Russell L. Willis and son, Byron, on August 19, 1979, welcoming them to the Cabarrus Baptist Association.

Reverend Gary Byrd, a member of the Missions Committee, introduced Dr. Willis to the Annual Session on October 30, 1979.

Dr. Willis is the present Director of Missions.

CHURCHES IN CABARRUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
LISTED CHRONOLOGICALLY

Number	Date	Church
1	1790	Coldwater
2	1857	Howell's
3	1881	Midland,First
4	1886	Concord, First
5	1896	Phaniels
6	1901	Roberta
7	1902	McGill Avenue
8	1908	Kannapolis, First
9	1908	West Concord
10	1911	Mount Pleasant, First
11	1913	Miami
12	1917	Oak Ridge
13	1922	Kerr Street
14	1930	Centerview
15	1930	North Kannapolis
16	1931	Young Street
17	1932	Southside
18	1935	West Point
19	1936	Stowe's Chapel
20	1937	Franklin Heights
21	1938	Harrisburg, First
22	1938	Bethlehem
23	1939	Shadybrook
24	1939	Lakewood
25	1939	Calvary
26	1939	Brookdale
27	1940	Central
28	1941	Blackwelder Park
29	1942	Enochville, First
30	1943	Pitts
31	1943	Wil-Mar Park
32	1944	Pine Grove
33	1944	Eastside
34	1944	Royal Oaks
35	1945	Jackson Park
36	1946	Skyland
37	1948	Memorial
38	1948	White Park
39	1948	Poplar Grove
40	1949	Parkwood
41	1951	Fisher Street
42	1951	Immanuel
43	1951	Sharon
44	1952	Rodgers Park
45	1952	Bright Light
46	1953	Glorieta
47	1953	Broadus Memorial
48	1954	Community
49	1954	Wayside

50	1955	Faith
51	1955	Lane Street
52	1955	College Park
53	1958	Rocky River
54	1958	Pennsylvania Avenue
55	1958	Concord Lake
56	1958	Mount Carmel
57	1960	Victory
58	1960	Odell
59	1964	Miller Street
60	1964	Providence
61	1965	Gordon Heights
62	1970	Eastwood
63	1975	Eva Drive
64	1977	United Love
65	1978	New Hope

HISTORICAL TABLE

DATE	MEETING PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	ANNUAL SERMON & SUBJECT
1935	Concord,First	E.S.Summers	L.E.Barnhardt	Organized (October 8)
1936	McGill Street	E.S.Summers	L.E.Barnhardt	J.S.Tyson (no record of subject)
1937	Centerview	E.S.Summers	J.S.Tyson	E.S.Summers (no record of subject)
1938	Coldwater	E.S.Summers	J.S.Tyson	Grady J.Hanes "Christ,the One and Only Adequate Hope of the World" Acts 4:12
1939	North Kannapolis	J.Clyde Yates	J.S.Tyson	F.A.Bowers "The High Cost of Disobedience" I Kings 13:34
1940	Mount Pleasant	J.Clyde Yates	J.S.Tyson	J.A.Seymour "The Commission Christ Gave the Church" Matthew 28:19
1941	Kannapolis,1st.	J.Clyde Yates	J.S.Tyson	H.B. Hiatt "Great Grace" Acts 4:33,Titus 2:11-12
1942	Centerview	C.E.Baucom	J.S.Tyson	J.Clyde Yates (no subject recorded) Exodus 14-15
1943	Kerr Street	C.E.Baucom	J.S.Tyson	J.C. Gwaltney "The Marvelous Program of Jesus" Mark 15:16
1944	White's Memorial &.N.Kannapolis	T.W.Fogleman	S.W.Preslar	Z.W.Rotan "The Responsibility of the Church To the Community" Matthew 6:6-15
1945	Concord,First	W.V.Tarlton	Z.W.Rotan	W.W.Jones "The Soul of Missions" Matthew 9:36
1946	Southside	W.V.Tarlton	H.G.Matheny	R.F. Gardner "The Church" Acts 2:38-47
1947	Calvary	W.V.Tarlton	H.G.Matheny	J. T. Davis "The Victorious Christ"
1948	McGill Street	H.M.Stroup	Virginia Beall	W.T.Furr "Our Greatest Need:A Spiritual Recovery"
1949	West Concord	D.M.Branch	Virginia Beall	H. F. Goodwin "The Reign of Christ" I Cor. 15:12-28
1950	Shadybrook	D.M.Branch	Virginia Beall	D.M.Branch "Witnessing to the World" Luke 24:44-53
1951	Kerr Street	D.M.Branch	H.A.Privette	Ralph L.Cannon "The Urgency of the Hour"John 17:1-11
1952	Lakewood & West Point	Virgil M.Hailey	H.A.Privette	John H. Knight (No subject recorded)

1953	McGill Street & Southside	Virgil M.Hailey	H.A.Privette	J. W. Parham "My Church" Matthew 16:13-28
1954	Mount Pleasant	R.F.Gardner	H.A.Privette	Farrell Shimpock (No subject recorded)John 6:5-14
1955	Kannapolis,1st	E.C.Upchurch	N.H. Joyner	Thurman B.Stone "The Cross, A Tragedy or Triumph" 1 Corinthians 1-2
1956	Coldwater	E.C.Upchurch	N.H.Joyner	W. C. Francis "Oneness of Believers" Psalms 133, Ephesians 4:1-16
1957	Calvary	John H.Knight	N.H.Joyner	V. M. Hailey "Love for Christ"
1958	West Point & Memorial	John H.Knight	N.H.Joyner	H. A. Privette (No subject recorded)
1959	Eastside & Bethlehem	Norman H.Joyner	Bill Cochrane	C.Thomas Bennett,Jr. "The More Excellent Way"
1960	Sharon,Young St.	H.L.Register	George H.Cooke	Gordon Pope (No subject recorded)
1961	Lakewood & Kerr St.	H.L.Register	George H.Cooke	Horace V. Kinney (No subject recorded)
1962	Wil-Mar Park & Calvary	T.E.Sherrill	George H.Cooke	E. W. Pate "A Sleeping Christian in a Perishing World" Jonah 1
1963	Roberta & Franklin Hts.	E.W.Pate	Harry J.Moore	Ernest P. Russell "Freedom to Keep Faith with the Future" IITimothy 2:1-16
1964	West Concord & Lakewood	John U.Garner	Harry J.Moore	C. D. Carrington "The Need for Christian Homes" II Samuel 18: 29-33
1965	Mt.Pleasant & N.Kannapolis	John U.Garner	Harry J.Moore	Charles C. Coffey "Our Proclamation for Today" Isaiah 61:1-2, Hebrews 12: 25-29
1966	Shadybrook & McGill Street	Ernest P.Russell	Harry J.Moore	John U. Garner "Love Is of God" Psalms 111
1967	Concord,First & Lakewood	Charles R.Pierce	Harry J.Moore	Paul F. Gibson "The Church's Ministry to Individual Needs" Matthew 9:35-37; 10:1, 7-8

1968	Central & Young Street	Coy C.Privette	Harry J.Moore	Jack H.Mace "Thy Will Be Done" Matthew 6:9-13
1969	Pitts, Calvary	Coy C.Privette	Harry J.Moore	Harry J. Moore "The Bible and Relevance" II Timothy 3:13-17
1970	Providence,Cold-water,Centerview	Roy Q.Gregg	Harry J.Moore	Louis A. Howard "What is Freedom?" Gal.5:1, 13-15
1971	Parkwood,Central Shadybrook	Roy Q.Gregg	Harry J.Moore	Victor L. Trivette "Something Has Gone Wrong" Romans 12:1-2; Galations 6:7-9
1972	Memorial,Grace, Southside	William D.Byrd	Harry J.Moore	Jack Hill "What Shall We Do?" II Kings. 7:1-11
1973	Poplar Grove, Jackson Park, Brookdale	William D.Byrd	Harry J.Moore	Ned L. Duncan " The Priesthood of Believers" I Peter 2:1-10
1974	Lane St.,Kerr St.,Immanuel	Ralph Brunson	Harry J.Moore	James Allen "The Old Time Religion" I Timothy 4:1; II Timothy 4:1-8
1975	N.Kannapolis, Parkwood, Concord,First	Ralph Brunson	Harry J.Moore	Ansel R. McGill "Directives From God's Signposts" Ephesians
1976	Oak Ridge,Frank-lin Heights, Wil-Mar Park	Victor L.Trivette	Harry J.Moore	George E. Johnson "The Need for Standing People" Ephesians 4:7-11; 6:11-17
1977	Enochville,Ist. Coldwater Blackwelder Park	Victor L.Trivette	Harry J. Moore	Randall B.Turner "Why the Church is Dying" Revelation 3:1
1978	Wil-Mar Park, Brookdale, N.Kannapolis	Randall B.Turner	Harry J.Moore	J. Ed Hall, "Bold Missions" Matthew 15:3-14; 16:1-18

1979	Calvary,West Concord, & Rodgers Park	Randall B.Turner	Harry J.Moore	Frank B. Hopkins, "Tapping the Resources" Isaiah 64:4
1980	McGill Avenue, Lakewood, Mt.Pleasant,1st.	J.Ed Hall	Harry J.Moore	Ken Altom,"Update of our Spiritual Biography" Hebrews 6:1-3
1981	N.Kannapolis, Royal Oaks & Pitts	J.Ed Hall	Harry J.Moore	Clyde Hawkins, "Demands of Discipleship", Luke 14:25-35
1982	Centerview, Miami & Skyland	Claude Connell	Harry J.Moore	Thomas E. Hogan, "Jesus Christ Is Lord" Philippians 2:5-11
1983	Southside, West Point, Glorieta	Frank B.Hopkins	Harry J.Moore	Yates Brooks, "Personal Involvement in Evangelism" Acts 8:26-35
1984	Enochville,1st. Poplar Grove, Kannapolis,1st.	Farrell Shimpock	Harry J.Moore	Warner Bumgardner, "Who are We, and Why are we Here?" Colossians 1: 25-29
1985	Calvary,Brook-dale & Oak Ridge	Farrell Shimpock	Harry J.Moore	Jerry W. Townsend, "The Great Commission",Mark 16:14-15

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